

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	8 JUNE 2023	REPORT NO:	CFO/021/23
PRESENTING OFFICER	RIA GROVES, MONITORING OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	SHAUNA HEALEY
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the membership of the Authority for 2023/24.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that Members;
 - a) note the contents of this report;
 - b) note the membership of the Authority further to the appointments by the five district councils; and
 - c) continue with the appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Merseyside to the Authority.

Introduction and Background

3. The following changes to the Membership of the Authority have occurred:-
 - The appointments of Councillor Hugh Malone from Knowsley Council and Councillor Sharon Connor from Liverpool City Council ended as a result of the local elections.
 - The appointment of Councillors Andrew Makinson from Liverpool City Council, Lynn Hinnigan from Liverpool City Council, Tracy Dickinson from St Helens Council and Harry Gorman from Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council ended as a result of a change to appointments made by their respective district council.

4. The constituent district councils have notified the Authority of the appointments to the Authority for the municipal year 2023/24 as follows:-

(a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

- Councillor Edna Finneran (Labour)
- Councillor Terry Byron (Labour)

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

- Councillor James Roberts (Labour)
- Councillor Barbara Murray (Labour)
- Councillor Dave Hanratty (Labour)
- Councillor Doreen Knight (Labour)
- Councillor Pat Moloney (Liberal Democrat)
- Councillor Sam Gorst (Liverpool Community Independents Group)

(c) St. Helens (2 Members):-

- Councillor Linda Maloney MBE (Labour)
- Councillor Susan Murphy MBE (Labour)

(d) Sefton (4 Members):-

- Councillor Leslie Byrom CBE (Labour)
- Councillor Janet Grace (Labour)
- Councillor Paul Tweed (Labour)
- Councillor Lynne Thompson (Liberal Democrat & Progressive Alliance Group)

(e) Wirral (4 Members):-

- Councillor Brian Kenny (Labour)
- Councillor Gill Wood (Labour)
- Councillor Leslie Rennie (Conservative)
- Councillor Ed Lamb (Green)

5. The political balance of the Authority is 72.21% Labour, 11.11% Liberal Democrat, 5.56% Conservative, 5.56% Green Party and 5.56 % for the Liverpool Community Independents Group.

6. Political balance issues are considered in a separate report relating to the structure of the Authority, which is also presented for consideration at this meeting.

7. At the Annual General Meeting on the 9th June 2022, it was agreed that the PCC for Merseyside be appointed to the Committee with full voting rights. It is recommended that this appointment continues.
8. The Authority also has an Independent/Co-opted Member, Anthony Boyle who undertakes both roles for the Authority. This arrangement has been reviewed by the Monitoring Officer, and the proposal to appointment a second Independent Person to consider complaints in respect of Elected Members and Statutory Officers is detailed in a further report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9. There are no equality and diversity implications directly associated with this report. Elected Members are nominated by their respective Councils to the Fire and Rescue Authority.
10. Members will be consulted with individually should they declare a disability to ensure that suitable reasonable adjustments are put in place should they be required

Staff Implications

11. Legal and Democratic Services administer the meetings of the Authority and deal with Members' queries and travel and accommodation issues. Any changes to membership throughout the year will be administered by Legal and Democratic Services.

Legal Implications

12. The membership of the Authority is made up from those Members nominated by their respective council. The PCC has a right to request to be appointed to a committee for which the committee must consider.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

13. There is a Members' Allowance Scheme, which is the subject of another report on this Agenda. There are no additional costs relevant to the content of this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

14. There are no direct risk management, health and safety or environmental implications relevant to this report.

Contribution to Our Vision: *To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.*

Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

15. Elected Members are nominated to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to represent the best interests of the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

MFRA **Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority**

MFRS **Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service**

PCC **Police and Crime Commissioner**