

## MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	8 JUNE 2023	REPORT NO:	CFO/024/23
PRESENTING OFFICER	RIA GROVES, MONITORING OFFICER		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	QUESTIONS ON DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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### Purpose of Report

1. To request that Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority nominate a Member from each of the five constituent District Councils as the Members responsible for answering questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

### Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the Authority nominates five Members (one from each constituent District Council) as the Member responsible for answering questions within their Council on the discharge of the functions of Authority.

### Introduction and Background

3. There is a requirement under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 for the Authority to nominate Members of the Authority from each constituent District Council to answer questions within their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.
4. It is at the discretion of the Authority who it appoints in each case for this purpose and there is no requirement that the nominee should be from the main political group on the Authority. It will assist the Monitoring Officer if all such nominations can be determined at, or before the Annual Meeting.

### Equality and Diversity Implications

5. There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from this report. However, it is considered that having one Member from each District Council appointed to answer questions on the discharge of functions, ensures accurate and consistent information is passed on to each District across Merseyside.

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**Staff Implications**

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6. There are no staff implications in relation to this report, as the report relates to the Members of the Authority.

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**Legal Implications**

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7. By appointing Authority Members from each District Council to answer questions on the discharge of functions, the Authority will be meeting their requirement under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

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**Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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8. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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**Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications**

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9. There are no risk, health and safety or environmental implications arising from this report.

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

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10. Having Authority Members appointed to answer questions in their Council ensures that accurate, relevant information is fed back to the community to confirm what the Authority does in support of achieving the Authority's vision.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**NONE**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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**MFRA** Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

**MFRS** Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service