

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	13 JUNE 2024	REPORT NO:	CFO/33/24
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	RIA GROVES
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 2024/25.

Recommendation

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 in Merseyside; and
 - c) continue with the appointment of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Merseyside to the Authority.

Introduction and Background

3. The appointments of Councillors Terry Byron from Knowsley Council, Pat Moloney from Liverpool City Council and Sue Murphy from St Helens Council ended as a result of a change to appointments made by their respective district council.
4. Each district council within Merseyside have notified the Authority of the appointments on to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority for the municipal year 2024/25 as follows: -
 - a) Knowsley (2 Members): -
 - Councillor Edna Finneran (Labour)
 - Councillor Lynne O'Keeffe(Labour)

b) Liverpool (6 Members): -

- Councillor James Roberts (Labour)
- Councillor Barbara Murray (Labour)
- Councillor Dave Hanratty (Labour)
- Councillor Doreen Knight (Labour)
- Councillor Andrew Makinson (Liberal Democrat)
- Councillor Sam Gorst (Liverpool Community Independent Group)

c) St. Helens (2 Members): -

- Councillor Linda Maloney MBE (Labour)
- Councillor Jeanie Bell (Labour)

d) Sefton (4 Members): -

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

e) Wirral (4 Members): -

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

5. The political balance of the Authority remains the same from last year with 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 a Co-opted Member, Mr Anthony Boyle who is appointed to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee to provide additional independent scrutiny.

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, 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 in accordance with its legislative powers.

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 and Health & Safety Implications

14. There are no direct risk management or health and safety implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

15. There are no direct environmental implications arising from 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.*

16. Elected Members are appointed on to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to represent the best interests of the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
