

<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>30 JANUARY 2025</b>	<b>REPORT NO:</b>	<b>CFO/78/24</b>
<b>PRESENTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES</b>		
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	<b>RIA GROVES</b>	<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>RIA GROVES</b>
<b>OFFICERS CONSULTED:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>		
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT TO THE AUTHORITY</b>		

<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<b>APPENDIX: NONE</b>
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To inform Members of the change of appointment by St Helens Council to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority ('the Authority').

### **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that Members;
  - a) note that following the sad passing of Councillor Linda Maloney the subsequent requirement for St Helens Council to nominate a replacement Labour Member to appoint to the Authority;
  - b) note the appointment of Councillor Tracy Dickinson, as one of St Helens' nominated representatives to the Authority; and
  - c) note and approve the appointment of Councillor Tracy Dickinson to the following Committees vacated by Councillor Linda Maloney:
    - Policy and Resource Committee
    - Scrutiny Committee

### **Introduction and Background**

3. At the Authority's AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Authority's political balance for the Municipal Year 2024/25, was confirmed as being:
  - 13 Labour
  - 2 Liberal Democrat
  - 1 Conservative
  - 1 Green
  - 1 Liverpool Community Independent

4. The Democratic Services Team received notification that Councillor Linda Maloney had sadly passed away and as such a replacement was required for the remainder of the municipal year.
5. As per St Helens Council's Constitution, appointments to outside bodies can be approved without a full council meeting and subsequently a nomination was received on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
6. It is recommended that Councillor Tracy Dickinson replace Councillor Linda Maloney and be appointed to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

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### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

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7. There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly out of this report.

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### **Staff Implications**

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8. With the exception of some additional time and resources providing induction training for the newly appointed Member, there are no significant staff implications arising from this report.

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### **Legal Implications**

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9. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989, s. 15 and 16 & Schedule 1 and The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 provide for political proportionality rules and those nominated by District Councils to bodies such as Fire and Rescue Authorities.

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### **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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10. There are no additional financial or value for money implications arising from this report with one Member replacing another Member, the budget for Member expenses will remain unaffected.

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### **Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

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

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### **Environmental Implications**

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12. There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report but the Democratic Services Team always enquire if newly appointed Members would like to receive their paperwork virtually as part of the department's environmental considerations.

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**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.*

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13. The Authority consists of Members appointed by Merseyside's five District Councils. Members appointed to the Authority by the District Councils reflect and represent the constituency of each District; and have responsibility for making decisions in the best interests of the communities that the Authority serves.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**CFO/34/24** Structure of the Authority

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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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