

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	12 JUNE 2025	REPORT NO:	MO/04/2526
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES, SHAUNA HEALEY
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	QUESTIONS ON DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS		
APPENDICES:	NONE		

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority ('the Authority') nominate a Member from each of the five constituent District Councils as the Members responsible for answering questions in their respective 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 respective 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 General Meeting.

Equality and Diversity Implications

5. There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Staff Implications

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

Legal Implications

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.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

8. As this requirement does not attract a special responsibility allowance there are no financial implications arising from this report.

Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

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

Environmental Implications

10. There are no 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.*

11. Having Authority Members appointed to answer questions in their respective district 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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE