

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE		
DATE:	27 MARCH 2014	REPORT NO:	CFO/028/14
PRESENTING OFFICER	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	AREA MANAGER MYLES PLATT	REPORT AUTHOR:	CAROLINE CRICHTON
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TITLE OF REPORT:	APPOINTMENT OF THE UNIFORMED PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IN TO CFOA LEAD ROLES		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the appointment of the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) as the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) strategic lead for National Resilience and the Deputy Chief Fire Officer (DCFO) as the CFOA strategic lead for Children and Young People (CYP).

Recommendation

2. That Members note the appointments.

Introduction and Background

3. Following the retirement of CFO Jon Hall on 31st January 2014 the Merseyside Fire Authority CFO has been appointed as the CFOA strategic lead for National Resilience (NR). In order to undertake this role the CFO has relinquished the position of strategic lead for Technical Response that he previously held since 2011. The CFO is also the CFOA lead officer of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) capability and has been since 2010.
4. As the strategic lead for NR the CFO will chair the National Resilience Board (NRB) and represent CFOA at the Strategic Resilience Board (SRB). The SRB acts as the interface between the FRS and Government as is attended by representatives from the Department for Communities and Local Government, Home Office, Department for Health and the Cabinet Office.
5. The CFO is also responsible for the National Resilience Assurance Team (NRAT) and oversight of all NR capabilities (USAR, Chemical Biological

Radiological Nuclear Conventional Explosive (CBRNE), High Volume Pumping (HVP) and Enhanced Logistical Support (ELS)).

6. The strategic lead for NR reports in to the CFOA Operations Director through the national Operations Committee (NOC).
7. Over recent years DCFO Phil Hales, West Midlands FRA, has led the Children and Young People Lead Group for CFOA. He has now passed this responsibility to Merseyside Fire Authority DCFO who has been appointed as the CFOA strategic lead for Children and Young People.
8. As the Children and Young Persons lead, the DCFO will chair the Children and Young People Lead Group made up of regional CYP leads from across the Country.
9. The role includes Influencing National Children and Young People policy on behalf of CFOA, engaging with key partner's such as the Princes Trust and Youth United.
10. The lead officer is responsible for the production of, monitoring and progress of the strategic Children and Young People work plan and the production of national guidance for use by all FRS.
11. The CYP lead reports through the National CFOA Home Safety Committee to the Protection and Road Safety (PPRS) lead officer.

Equality and Diversity Implications

12. An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for the appointment, however, E&D implications will be considered when developing the strategic Children and Young People work plan and guidance documents.

Staff Implications

13. There are no additional staffing burdens associated with the appointments. Local support will be provided from existing resources.

Legal Implications

14. Assurance of the NR capabilities ensures that the FRS nationally meets its duties under the Fire and Rescue Service (Emergencies) (England) Order 2007.
15. All current legal Policy with regard to children must be adhered to and in addition CFOA legal advisers will ensure that this happens.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

16. Any additional costs incurred will be met by CFOA or out of existing budgets where the incurrence of costs benefits the Authority.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

17. All NR capabilities have a full suite of risk assessments and standard operational procedures covering all areas of activity.
18. All risks will be considered when developing the strategic Children and Young People work plan and guidance documents.

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19. There will be the potential to influence Policy for National Resilience and Children and Young People at a national level, strengthening existing services and making a positive impact in the community.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
