

<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	<b>AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>11 JUNE 2026</b>	<b>REPORT NO:</b>	<b>MO/05/2627</b>
<b>PRESENTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES</b>		
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<b>OFFICERS CONSULTED:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT)</b>		
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>QUESTIONS ON DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS</b>		
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>		

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To request Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority ('the Authority') appoint one Member from each of the five district councils to act as the designated Member responsible for responding to questions within their respective council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

### **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that Members appoint five Members (one from each district council in Merseyside) to act as the designated Member responsible for answering questions within their respective council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

### **Introduction and Background**

3. Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 requires the Authority to make arrangements for enabling questions on the discharge of the functions of the Authority to be put in the course of the proceedings of any district council in Merseyside for answer by a member of it who is also a Member of the Authority and is nominated by the Authority for that purpose. Therefore, the Authority is requested to nominate and appoint a Member from each district council to answer questions within their respective council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.
4. The Authority has full discretion in determining which Member is appointed for this purpose, and there is no requirement for the nominees to be drawn from the main political group. It is helpful for the Monitoring Officer if all nominations are confirmed at, or prior to, the Annual General Meeting.

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**Equality and Diversity Implications**

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

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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 a Member from each district council to answer questions on the discharge of the Authority's functions, the Authority will fulfil its duty under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

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**Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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

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**Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

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

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**Environmental Implications**

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10. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

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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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11. Having designated Members appointed to answer questions in their respective district council ensures that accurate and relevant information is communicated on the discharge of the functions of the Authority. This also helps to reinforce understanding of how the Authority supports the delivery of its vision to the community it serves.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**NONE**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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**NONE**