

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)		
DATE:	12 JUNE 2025	REPORT NO:	MO/06/2526
PRESENTING OFFICER	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES	REPORT AUTHOR:	MONITORING OFFICER, RIA GROVES, SHAUNA HEALEY
OFFICERS CONSULTED:	CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY, STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM		
TITLE OF REPORT:	APPROVED CONFERENCE AND OUTSIDE MEETINGS		
APPENDICES:	NONE		

Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members consider attendance at conferences and outside meetings by representatives of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority ('The Authority') and confirm their approval for such attendance as determined by the Chair of the Authority.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members approve that attendance at conferences and outside meetings by representatives of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority be determined by the Chair of the Authority.

Introduction and Background

3. Members' presence at conferences and outside meetings relevant to matters relating to or potentially impacting the Authority is vital to their role and development as Authority Members. It ensures that the Authority is included in and informed by local and national issues, to enable Members to make the best decisions for the public of Merseyside.
4. In previous years, it was agreed that attendance at conferences and outside meetings by representatives of the Authority be approved by the Chair of the Authority.
5. Where a conference or meeting is directly linked to a specific Member role, the appropriate Member may be requested to attend to represent the Authority.
6. Members are therefore asked to confirm that they remain content with this arrangement for 2025/26.

Equality and Diversity Implications

7. There are no direct equality and diversity issues arising directly from this report.

Staff Implications

8. There are no direct staff implications arising directly from this report. However, Officers may be required to accompany Members at events relating to their areas of expertise.
9. Currently, the Legal and Democratic Services team may be required to assist with travel/accommodation bookings as requested as part of their role.

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. It is anticipated that costs will be contained within the existing budgets.

Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

12. There are no direct implications arising out of this report.

Environmental Implications

13. Members use the most efficient method of travel when attending conferences and outside meetings.

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.*

14. Members attendance at conferences and outside meetings enables the Authority to be represented appropriately, providing an opportunity to put forward suggestions, share experience and gain further knowledge. This ensures that the Authority is best placed to make the most appropriate decisions; and provide the best service possible to the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NONE