

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE		
DATE:	5 FEBRUARY 2019	REPORT NO:	CFO/006/19
PRESENTING OFFICER	THE MONITORING OFFICER		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	JANET HENSHAW	REPORT AUTHOR:	KELLY KELLAWAY – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
OFFICERS CONSULTED:			
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERSHIP OF FIRE & POLICE COLLABORATION COMMITTEE		

APPENDICES:	
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Purpose of Report

1. To request that Members approve the membership of the reconstituted Fire & Police Collaboration Committee; and note the provisional schedule of meeting dates.

Recommendation

2. That Members:
 - a) Approve the membership of the reconstituted Fire & Police Collaboration Committee.
 - b) Note the schedule of provisional meeting dates for the Committee (contained within paragraph 9).

Introduction and Background

3. On 14th July 2015, the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee was established to progress collaboration between Merseyside Police and MFRA. This was a non-decision making Committee, with the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Deputy PCC for Merseyside, being Co-opted Members.
4. However, on the 27th July 2017, the PCC became a full voting Member of MFRA; and the Committee was therefore removed from MFRA's Committee Structure at its AGM on 14th June 2018.
5. On 9th June 2018, the PCC informed the Monitoring Officer for MFRA of her intention to withdraw her full voting membership of MFRA, requesting that the

Fire & Police Collaboration Committee of MFRA be reconstituted, to enable oversight and scrutiny, with regards to collaborative duties placed on both Services, to continue.

6. Therefore, at the Authority Meeting on 18th October 2018, Members considered report CFO/061/18 – “Amendments to the Authority’s Constitution”, which approved the withdrawal of the PCC from full voting membership of MFRA; the reconstitution of the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee; and the Terms of Reference for that Committee.
7. When the Committee was initially established in 2015, Membership of the Committee comprised of six Members: The Chair of the Authority; the two Vice-Chairs of the Authority and one Opposition Member of the Authority, with the PCC and the Deputy PCC for Merseyside, co-opted onto the Committee.
8. As MFRA now have only one Vice-Chair, it is proposed that the Committee consist of five Members, as follows:

Membership
1. Cllr Les Byrom - Chair of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority (Chair)
2. Cllr Sharon Sullivan – Vice-Chair of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority
3. Cllr Lynne Thompson - Opposition Member of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority
4. Jane Kennedy – Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside (Co-opted)
5. Emily Spurrell – Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Merseyside (Co-opted)

9. To assist with planning, a number of provisional meeting dates for the Committee, have been scheduled as follows:
 - 21st February 2019
 - 2nd July 2019
 - 24th September 2019
 - 21st January 2020

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. There are no equality or diversity implications directly concerned with this report.

Staff Implications

11. There are no staff implications directly concerned with this report.

Legal Implications

12. The Policing and Crime Act 2017 ("The Act") requires both the Police Service and Fire and Rescue Authorities to keep opportunities for collaboration under review in the interests of efficiency and effectiveness.
13. Following the withdrawal of the PCC from full voting Membership of MFRA; and the reconstitution of the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee, approving the membership of this Committee will enable it to meet and ensure that MFRA continues to fulfil this requirement.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

14. There are no additional financial or value for money implications, in relation to this report, as no additional allowance payments will be made to any Member appointed to, or Co-opted onto the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

15. There are no direct risk management, health and safety, or environmental implications, concerned with this report.

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16. The reconstitution of the Fire & Police Collaboration Committee, with the right representation, will enable sufficient oversight and scrutiny to continue of the collaborative work undertaken by MFRA and Merseyside Police. This will ensure that collaboration and working relationships between the two services, continues to be enhanced, which will continue to benefit the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- CFO/070/15** "Ongoing And Future Collaboration With Merseyside Police And PCC"
- CFO/052/17** "Representation of the Police And Crime Commissioner For Merseyside On Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority"
- CFO/061/18** "Amendments To The Authority's Constitution"

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
