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| **MEETING OF THE:** | **AUTHORITY** | | |
| **DATE:** | **14 JUNE 2016** | **REPORT NO:** | **CFO/055/16** |
| **PRESENTING OFFICER** | **MONITORING OFFICER** | | |
| **RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** | **JANET HENSHAW** | **REPORT AUTHOR:** | **KELLY KELLAWAY – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER, EXT 4113** |
| **OFFICERS CONSULTED:** | **STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT GROUP** | | |
| **TITLE OF REPORT:** | **MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2016/17** | | |

| **APPENDICES:** | |
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## Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the membership of the Authority for 2016/17.

## Recommendation

2. That Members note the content of this report.

## Introduction and Background

3. The following changes to the Membership of the Authority have occurred:-

- The Appointment of Councillor Robbie Ayres, from St. Helens Council, ended on 24th March 2016, following his resignation as a Councillor.

- The Appointment of Councillor Steve Niblock, from Wirral Council, ended on 11th April 2016, as a result of him leaving the Labour Party.

- The Appointment of Councillor Jimmy Mahon, from Sefton Council, ended as a result of him retiring as a Councillor at the May 2016 Local Elections.

- The Appointment of Councillor Mike Kearns, from Knowsley Council, ended as a result of the May 2016 Local Elections.

- The Appointment of Councillor Ray Halpin, from Knowsley Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Knowsley Council over representation on the Authority.

- The Appointment of Councillor Denise Roberts, from Wirral Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Wirral Council over representation on the Authority.

- The Appointment of Councillor Roy Gladden, from Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Liverpool City Council over representation on the Authority.

4. The Constituent District Councils have notified the Authority of the Appointments to the Authority for the Municipal Year 2016/17, as follows:-

(a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

- Councillor Denise Allen (Labour)
- Councillor Veronica McNeill (Labour)

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

- Councillor Dave Hanratty (Labour)
- Councillor Peter Brennan (Labour)
- Councillor Sharron Connor (Labour)
- Councillor Barbara Murray (Labour)
- Councillor James Roberts (Labour)
- Councillor Sharon Sullivan (Labour)

(c) St. Helens (2 Members):-

- Councillor Linda Maloney (Labour)
- Councillor Joe De Asha (Labour)

(d) Sefton (4 Members):-

- Councillor Les Byrom (Labour)
- Councillor Paul Tweed (Labour)
- Councillor Janet Grace (Labour)
- Councillor Marianne Welsh (Liberal Democrats)

(e) Wirral (4 Members):-

- Councillor Jean Stapleton (Labour)
- Councillor Brian Kenny (Labour)
- Councillor Chris Meaden (Labour)
- Councillor Lesley Rennie (Conservative)

5. The political balance of the Authority is 16 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat; and 1 Conservative. Political balance issues are considered in a separate report relating to the structure of the Authority, which is also presented for consideration at this meeting.

## Equality and Diversity Implications

6. There are no equality and diversity implications directly associated with this report. Elected Members are nominated by their Councils to the Fire and Rescue Authority.

## Staff Implications

7. Democratic Services administer the meetings of the Authority and deal with Members' queries and travel and accommodation issues.

## Legal Implications

8. The political balance of the Authority is important as it must be reflected across all of the Authority's committees.

## Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. There is a Members' Allowance Scheme which is the subject of another report on this Agenda. There are no additional costs relevant to the content of this report.

## Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

10. There are no direct risk management, health and safety or environmental implications relevant to this report.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

11. Elected Members are nominated to Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority to represent the best interests of the communities of Merseyside.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS