MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	**AUTHORITY**		
DATE:	**25 MAY 2017**	**REPORT NO:**	**CFO/029/17**
PRESENTING OFFICER	**MONITORING OFFICER**		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	**JANET HENSHAW**	**REPORT AUTHOR:**	**GEMMA SUNG – DEPUTY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER, EXT 4230**
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TITLE OF REPORT:	**LEAD MEMBER/ AMBASSADOR FEEDBACK 2016/177**		

APPENDICES:	**APPENDIX A:**	**LEAD MEMBER OPERATIONAL RESPONSE – FEEDBACK**
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Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with feedback on work undertaken by the appointed Lead Members and Member Ambassadors during 2016/17.

Recommendation

2. That Members;

   a. Note the feedback provided by Lead Members and Member Ambassadors in relation to their involvement in their respective roles for 2016/17;

   b. Determine the value of continuing with the current Lead Member and Member Ambassador roles for the coming Municipal year; and

   c. Should continuation of the current Lead Member and Member Ambassador roles be agreed, consider appointment to those roles for 2017/18, to be formally agreed at the Annual General Meeting on 13th June 2017.

Introduction and Background

3. Members will recall that at the Annual General Meeting on 14th June 2016 the Authority approved the appointment of six Lead Member roles and one Member Ambassador Role, within the Authority's structure. The previous additional Member Ambassador role for Youth Engagement was incorporated within the remit of the Lead Member role for Community Risk Management.

4. A specific role description was devised for each role and an additional responsibility allowance was aligned in recognition of the additional work and involvement those Members would be expected to undertake.

5. The appointments to the Lead Member and Ambassador Roles; and supporting officers for 2016/17 are set out in the table below:

Role	Appointed Member	Support Officer

Lead Member – Operational Response	Cllr Marianne Welsh	AM Operational Response – Dave Mottram
Lead Member – Operational Preparedness	Cllr Lesley Rennie	AM Operational Preparedness – Nick Searle
Lead Member – Strategic Change & Resources	Cllr James Roberts	AM Strategic Change & Resources – Paul Murphy
Lead Member – Community Risk Management (inc Youth Engagement)	Cllr Peter Brennan	AM Community Risk Management – Guy Keen
Lead Member – Strategy & Performance	Cllr Barbara Murray	Director of Strategy & Performance – Deb Appleton
Lead Member – People & Organisational Development	Cllr Sharon Sullivan	Director of People & Organisational Development – Nick Mernock
Ambassador for Health & Wellbeing	Cllr Paul Tweed	Deputy Chief Fire Officer

6. The intention of appointing Lead Member Roles was for these Members to gain valuable knowledge and understanding within a specific area of business, through working closely with their designated Support Officer, meeting regularly throughout the year. The Support Officer involves the Lead Member in the reporting process to ensure that the Member is fully aware of any reports being submitted under their reference. The Lead Member provides support to the Officer through representation at Authority Committee meetings; and to fellow colleagues on the Authority, through passing on their knowledge and experience.

7. The Ambassador roles were created to deal with issues relating to Youth Engagement and Health and Wellbeing - both of which are at the forefront of the Authority's preventative work; and are aligned to partnerships with other statutory agencies.

8. Within the role descriptions for Lead Members and Ambassadors is the requirement for those appointed Members to provide feedback to the Authority regarding their involvement in their roles.

9. The Chair of the Authority has therefore requested that each of the appointed Lead Members and Ambassadors for 2016/17 provide a written overview of their

involvement in their roles over the past year. The feedback provided by Members is attached in the appendices to this report.

10. When evaluating the feedback provided, Members are requested to give consideration to the personal development value to Members and Officers, derived through the opportunity of close working relationships and general understanding of each other's roles. They are also requested to consider the effect that this enhanced knowledge has on the Authority's decision making, which may provide a benefit to the Authority as a whole and the community it serves.

Equality and Diversity Implications

11. There are no direct equality and diversity implications relating to this report as this provides feedback from Members, to the Authority. Should any work streams stem from this feedback, equality and diversity implications will be taken into consideration on a case by case basis.

Staff Implications

12. Support Officers have seen an increase in their workload through the holding of regular meetings and engagement with designated Lead Members and Ambassadors. However, it is important that the Authority is fully aware of how the Service is functioning, especially as resources continue to reduce. Members are asked to ensure that they attend meetings arranged with Officers at the designated time so that workloads can be managed effectively.

Legal Implications

13. There are no direct legal implications in relation to this report.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

14. Lead Members and Ambassadors currently receive an Additional Responsibility Allowance of £2,018.00 per annum, in recognition of the additional work required to perform their role. This forms part of the current Members Allowance Scheme and is contained within the existing budget.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

15. There are no direct implications in relation to risk, health and safety or environmental, arising from this report.

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16. The development of Lead Member and Ambassador Roles will enable the Authority to have a deeper understanding of specific areas of service provision, which will assist the Authority to make informed decisions regarding the provision of service to the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS