Lead Member/Ambassador Feedback Form 2016/17

Lead Member/Ambassador: James Roberts

Area of Responsibility: Strategic Change & Resources

Supporting Officer: AM Paul Murphy

Number of meetings taken place between Lead Member/Ambassador and Supporting Officer during the year:

2

1. **Please outline the nature of the meetings and any agreed outcomes, including any information, guidance and updates which have been provided to you with regard to developments in your area of responsibility**.

Outline Nature of Meetings:	Updates on the following issues/ topics: • **ICT** – including outsourcing contract and National ESMPC project • **Estates projects** – including facilities management, station refurbishment • **Station Mergers Updates** – Prescot, St. Helens and Saughall Massie/ Wirral • **Blue Light Collaboration** – Shared Estate, Operational Preparedness, Operational Response, Community Risk Management and Corporate Services

2. What other meetings within Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority or Partners, do you attend which have an influence on your Lead Member/Ambassador Area?

(i) Policy & Resources Committee
(ii) Audit & Scrutiny Committee
(iii) Station Visits and Staff Engagement Days
(iv) Strategy Days

3. What has been the main benefit to you or the Authority of your appointment in this role?

As the Deputy Chair of Liverpool City Council's Audit & Governance Committee, I have the opportunity to both observe best practice, and engage in peer review with our LGA partner, Glasgow City Council. Dealing with financial and constitutional arrangements for a heavily scrutinised large authority like LCC enables me to transfer those practices, where useful into the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority. I have also been appointed as the LCC lead member for Student Safety, particularly with regard to aquisitive crime, but also in terms of domestic safety. This gives me an ability to feed into the joined-up approach taken across the city of Liverpool between a number of partner agencies. This is especially useful for feeding back into our fire prevention strategy.

4. Any other comments you would like to add

I am currently the Vice Chair of the Fabian Society, the oldest, largest, and arguably most influential political think-tank in the UK, which gives me the chance to take the innovative work of MFRS on shaping the future strategic role of the Fire & Rescue Service, and promulgating that at a national level. This has resulted in deserved recognition of the excellent work of MFRS at the highest levels of policy-making. As someone with an eye to the future, I have been particularly pleased with the use of next-generation technological innovation by our officers and believe that this needs to continue to be monitored as implementation is progressed.