

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE:	MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
DATE:	26 JUNE 2014	REPORT NO:	CFO/065/14
PRESENTING OFFICER	CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	JANET HENSHAW	REPORT AUTHOR:	HELEN PEEK
OFFICERS CONSULTED:			
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2014/15		

APPENDICES:

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the changes to the Membership of the Authority for 2014/15.

Recommendation

2. That Members note the contents of the report.

Introduction and Background

3. The following changes to the Membership of the Authority have occurred:-
 - The appointment of Councillor Andrew Blackburn (Liberal Democrat), appointed by Sefton Council, ended due to the Councillor not standing for re-election in the May 2014 Local Elections.
 - The appointment of Councillor Vi Bebb (Labour), appointed by Liverpool City Council, ended due to the Councillor not standing for re-election in the May 2014 Local Elections.
 - The appointment of Councillor Pat Moloney (Liberal Democrat), appointed by Liverpool City Council, ended as a result of the May 2014 Local Elections.
4. The Constituent District Councils have notified the Authority of the Appointments to Membership of the Authority for the Municipal year 2014/1, as follows:-
 - (a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

Councillor Ted Grannell (Labour)
Councillor Tony Newman (Labour)

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

Councillor Dave Hanratty (Labour)
Councillor Barbara Murray (Labour)
Councillor Roy Gladden (Labour)
Councillor Sharon Sullivan (Labour)
Councillor Peter Brannan (Labour)
Councillor James Roberts (Labour)

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

Councillor Robbie Ayres (Labour)
Councillor Linda Maloney (Labour)

(d) Sefton (4 Members):-

Councillor Les Byrom (Labour)
Councillor John Joseph Kelly (Labour)
Councillor Jimmy Mahon (Labour)
Councillor Tony Robertson (Liberal Democrat)

(e) Wirral (4 Members):-

Councillor Jean Stapleton (Labour)
Councillor Steve Niblock (Labour)
Councillor Denise Roberts (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 the separate report relating to the structure of the Authority, which is also for consideration at this meeting.

Equality and Diversity Implications

6. None arising directly out of this report.

Staff Implications

7. There are no staff implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

8. The Authority is required under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 to have a political balance and to allocate seats accordingly.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. None arising directly out of this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

10. None arising directly out of this report.

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

11. The Authority is constituted by Members appointed by Merseyside's five District Councils. The District Councils appoint Members to the Authority to reflect and represent the constituency of each district of Merseyside. Those appointed to the Authority consider business and make decisions in the best interest of the community which the Authority serves.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
