

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
DATE:	26 JUNE 2014	REPORT NO:	CFO/070/14
PRESENTING OFFICER	CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY		
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	JANET HENSHAW	REPORT AUTHOR:	
OFFICERS CONSULTED:			
TITLE OF REPORT:	QUESTIONS ON THE DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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Purpose of Report

1. To request that the Authority nominates a Member from each of the five constituent District Councils as the Members responsible for answering questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Fire & Rescue Authority.

Recommendation

2. That the Authority nominates five Members (one from each constituent District Council) as the Members responsible for answering questions within their Council on the discharge of the functions of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority.

Introduction and Background

3. There is a requirement under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985 for the Authority to nominate Members of the Authority from each constituent Council to answer questions within their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Fire & Rescue Authority.
4. It is at the discretion of the Authority who it appoints in each case for this purpose and there is no requirement that the nominee should be from the main political group either on the Authority or within the constituent Council.
5. The Members nominated in 2013/2014 under Section 41 were:-
 - Knowsley - Councillor Tony Newman
 - Liverpool - Councillor Dave Hanratty
 - Sefton - Councillor Les Byrom
 - St. Helens - Councillor Linda Maloney
 - Wirral - Councillor Denise Roberts

Equality and Diversity Implications

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6. There are no direct equality and diversity implications from this report. However it is considered that having one Member from each district council appointed to answer questions on the discharge of functions, ensures accurate and consistent information is passed on to each district across Merseyside.

Staff Implications

7. There are no staff implications in relation to this report, as this report relates to Members of the Authority.

Legal Implications

8. By appointing Authority Members from each district council to answer questions on the discharge of functions, the Authority will be meeting their requirement under Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1985.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

9. None arising from this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

10. None arising from this report.

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

11. Having Authority Members appointed to answer questions in their council ensures that accurate, relevant information is fed back to the community to confirm what the Authority does in support of achieving our mission.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
