

<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>			
<b>MEETING OF THE:</b>	<b>MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>		
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>11 JUNE 2015</b>	<b>REPORT NO:</b>	<b>CFO/043/15</b>
<b>PRESENTING OFFICER</b>	<b>MONITORING OFFICER</b>		
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<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY 2015/16</b>		

<b>APPENDICES:</b>	
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To inform Members of the changes to the Membership of the Authority for 2015/16

### **Recommendation**

2. That Members note the contents of this report

### **Introduction and Background**

3. The following changes to the Membership of the Authority have occurred:-
  - The appointment of Councillor Tony Robertson (Liberal Democrat), appointed by Sefton Council, ended as a result of the May 2015 Local Elections.
  - The appointment of Councillor John Kelly (Labour), appointed by Sefton Council, ended as a result of acceptance of a Cabinet post.
  - The appointment of Councillor Ted Grannell (Labour), appointed by Knowsley Council, ended as a result of decisions taken within Knowsley Council over representation on the Authority.
4. The Constituent District Councils have notified the Authority of the Appointments to Membership of the Authority for the Municipal year 2015/16, as follows:-

(a) Knowsley (2 Members):-

**Names to be confirmed following  
Cabinet meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 or  
possibly later**

(Labour)

(Labour)

(b) Liverpool (6 Members):-

Councillor Dave Hanratty (Labour)

Councillor Barbara Murray (Labour)

Councillor Roy Gladden (Labour)

Councillor Sharon Sullivan (Labour)

Councillor Peter Brennan (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 Paul Tweed (Labour)

Councillor Jimmy Mahon (Labour)

Councillor Marianne Welsh (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 presented for consideration at this meeting.

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**Equality and Diversity Implications**

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

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**Staff Implications**

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

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**Legal Implications**

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

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**Financial Implications & Value for Money**

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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 contents of this report.

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

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

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

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

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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