

Committee and Authority Appointments

Report of the Clerk

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1 Purpose of Report

This report asks the Fire Authority to confirm appointments to its committees; to appoint its representative on the Local Government Association's Fire Services Commission; and to appoint its Member Champions.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to:

- a) Agree that Political Group Leaders will review appointments to Committees and notify the Executive Support Supervisor of any changes to those appointments;
- b) Note that any changes to Committee appointments will be approved by the Monitoring Officer under the delegation to them that was confirmed by the Fire Authority on 25 June 2025;
- c) Appoint its representative on the Local Government Association's Fire Services Commission;
- d) Appoint an Equality and Diversity Member Champion;
- e) Appoint an Audit and Risk Management Member Champion; and
- f) Appoint an Improvement Member Champion

3 Background

In accordance with the Fire Authority's Standing Order 7(2) for the Regulation of Proceedings and Business, the Fire Authority is required at least annually to review the constitution and composition of any committees or sub-committees, which it has appointed.

4 Membership of Committees

Appointments to Committees were considered at the Fire Authority's Annual Meeting on 25 June 2025, however appointments to the Appeals Panel of the Personnel Panel and the Strategic Advisory Group were not completed at that meeting and members still need to be appointed to these Panels.

Current Committee membership can be found in the Appendix to the report. Areas that need to be addressed on highlighted in yellow on the Appendix.

Any proposed changes to committee membership will be approved by the Monitoring Officer under the delegation to them which was confirmed at the Annual Meeting on 25 June 2025. The Fire Authority confirmed the delegated permanent authority to the Monitoring Officer to approve changes to committee membership, which may be proposed during the year by the appropriate Political Group Leader. This enables changes to be made quickly without the need to refer them to the full Fire Authority for ratification.

5 Local Government Association Fire Services Commission

Each year the Fire Authority appoints its representative on the Local Government Association Fire Services Commission, which has historically been the Chair of the Authority. Members are asked to consider whether this arrangement should continue and appoint its representative accordingly.

6 Member Champions

The Fire Authority has three Member Champion roles:

- Equality and Diversity
- Audit and Risk Management Audit
- Improvement.

The Fire Authority is asked to appoint Members to these roles for the coming year. Role Descriptions for the three Member Champion roles were discussed and agreed at item 3 on the agenda for this meeting.

7 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8 Legal Comment

Under its Standing Orders for the Regulation of Proceedings and Business the Fire Authority is required at least annually:

- To consider the constitution of its committees and sub-committees and their membership (Standing Order 6.3); and
- To review the constitution and composition of any committees or sub-committees which have been appointed (Standing Order 7.2).

9 Appendices

Fire Authority Committee Membership (as of 25 June 2025)

10 Background Papers

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
Standing Orders for the Regulation of Proceedings and Business