

Committee Membership and 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 agree the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs to serve on committees; to appoint its representative on the Local Government Association Fire Services Commission; and to appoint its Member Champions.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to:

- a) Consider and decide upon the appointment of Members to serve on committees, as set out in the Appendix to the report;
- b) Consider and agree upon the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs to serve on committees, as set out in the Appendix to the report;
- c) Confirm the delegation to the Monitoring Officer as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report.
- d) Appoint its representative on the Local Government Association Fire Services Commission;
- e) Appoint an Equality and Diversity Member Champion; and
- f) Appoint a Risk Management and Audit 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

Members will already have reviewed and decided upon the allocation of seats on committees to political groups at item 9a on the agenda for this meeting.

The Fire Authority is now asked to agree the appointment of named Members to serve on its committees. Current Membership of the Committees is set out in the Appendix to the report.

5 Delegation to Monitoring Officer

At the Annual Meeting in 2014 Members delegated permanent authority to the Monitoring Officer to approve changes to committee membership, 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.

6 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.

7 Member Champions

The Fire Authority has two Member Champion roles; one for Equality and Diversity and one for Risk Management and Audit. Councillor Pardy was appointed to the Equality and Diversity Champion role and Councillor Sahota was appointed as Risk Management and Audit Champion in October 2020.

The Fire Authority is asked to appoint Members to these roles for the coming year.

8 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9 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).

10 Appendix

Membership of Committees

11 Background Papers

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Standing Orders for the Regulation of Proceedings and Business

Membership of Committees

Committee	Political Group		
	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat / Independent
Strategy and Resources 7 Members Current Chair VACANT Vice-Chair Nigel Hartin	Seats – 4 Eric Carter Paul Wynn VACANCY VACANCY	Seats - 2 James Lavery Kevin Pardy	Seats - 1 Nigel Hartin
Standards, Audit and Performance 8 Members Current Chair Kuldip Sahota Vice-Chair VACANT	Seats - 3 John Price VACANCY VACANCY	Seats - 3 Kuldip Sahota John Thompson VACANCY	Seats - 2 VACANCY VACANCY
Brigade Managers' Employment Panel 7 Members Current Chair Eric Carter Vice-Chair Nigel Hartin	Seats – 3 Eric Carter VACANCY VACANCY	Seats - 3 Kevin Pardy Kuldip Sahota VACANCY	Seats – 1 Nigel Hartin
Pensions Panel 3 Members Chair elected on ad-hoc basis, as and when the Panel meets	Seats – 1 VACANCY	Seat – 1 James Lavery	Seats – 1 VACANCY
Strategic Advisory Group 7 Members Current Chair Eric Carter Vice-Chair VACANT	Seats - 4 Eric Carter VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY	Seats – 2 Kevin Pardy Kuldip Sahota	Seats - 1 Nigel Hartin