

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Role Description Chair of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Office:	Chair of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
Allowance:	Special responsibility allowance of £10,000 per annum in addition to basic allowance of £2,658 per annum
Responsible to:	Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

Purpose of Role

The overall purpose of the role of the office holder is:

- To chair the Fire Authority; and
- To provide overall political leadership to the Fire Authority.

Main Responsibilities

The main responsibilities of the office holder are:

- To provide the political lead in the development or review of the Fire Authority's policies, plans, budget and precept
- To work closely with the Chief Fire Officer to ensure the delivery of an efficient and effective fire and rescue service, taking into account the needs of all sections of the community
- To agree personal priorities with the Chief Fire Officer and monitor these on a regular basis against the Fire Authority's strategic aims and objectives
- To review the Chief Fire Officer's performance and identify development needs
- To oversee the efficient and effective conduct of business within the Fire Authority
- To foster the best possible relations with the two constituent authorities
- To foster the best possible relations with the relevant trades unions

- To be consulted by the Chief Fire Officer concerning acceptance of tenders in accordance with the Fire Authority's Standing Orders relating to Contracts (sections M3 and M5)
- To lead in developing the Fire Authority's partnerships with other organisations throughout the County
- To act as the Fire Authority's representative at official functions and on other bodies, as nominated by the Fire Authority
- To represent the Fire Authority at any meetings, as may be required from time to time in connection with the work of the Fire Authority, and to act as the principal political spokesperson for the Fire Authority, at local, regional, national or international level
- To represent the Fire Authority and its policies in a positive and professional manner
- To chair such other committees, panels, working groups as required
- To undertake, in addition, all of the duties specified in the Fire Authority's Member role description

Accountability

The responsibilities outlined in this role description relate to the political or Member level activities of the Fire Authority.

Accountability for Members' performance overall is through the political and electoral process.

The responsibilities outlined are without prejudice to the separate duties and responsibilities exercised by officers of the Fire Authority, for which they are accountable as employees of the Fire Authority as a whole.

When carrying out this role the Chair must have regard to the Fire Authority's Protocol on Member / Officer Relations, which can be found in Section 12 of the Authority Handbook.