

Appointments to Committees

Report of the Clerk

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1 Purpose of Report

To obtain agreement, from Members, for appointments to committees and to confirm the appointment of Member Champions / Lead Members.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to:

- a) Agree the appointment of Members to serve on committees, of Substitute Members for the West Midlands Regional Management Board, and of Member Champions/Lead Members, as set out in the Appendix;
- b) Decide whether to appoint an additional Member Champion for Health and Safety or to incorporate this into the existing role of the Member Champion for Business Risk Management and Audit.

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 to review at its Annual Meeting the constitution and composition of any committees or sub-committees, which have been appointed.

As a result of the Borough of Telford and Wrekin elections on 3 May 2007 the Fire Authority, at its meeting on 13 June 2007, reviewed the composition of its committees and agreed revised allocations of seats to political groups. Additionally, the Fire Authority agreed to continue its arrangements with regard to representation on the West Midlands Regional Management Board and confirmed the membership of its Standards Committee.



4 Appointment of Members, Substitute Members and Member Champions / Lead Members

The Authority is requested to agree the appointment of Members to serve on committees, of Substitute Members for the West Midlands Regional Management Board and of Member Champions/Lead Members, as set out in the appendix.

Members may recall that, at the meeting of the Fire Authority on 13 June 2007, the issue of either appointing a dedicated Member Champion for Health and Safety or incorporating this role into one of the existing Member Champion roles, was discussed. It was agreed that this issue would be addressed at the Annual Meeting and Members are asked to consider whether they would wish for this role to be incorporated within the role of Business Risk Management and Audit Champion.

5 Financial Comment

There are no material direct costs arising out of the recommendations of this report, although many decisions of committees will impact on budgets and need financial approval.

6 Legal Comment

The Fire Authority must comply with the political balance requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and its Regulations, as amended by the Local Government Act 2000, when allocating seats on its standing committees. The Authority is required under its Standing Orders to review at its Annual Meeting the constitution and composition of any of its committees or sub-committees.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

8 Appendix

Appointment of Members to serve on committees, of Substitute Members for the West Midlands Regional Management Board and of Member Champions/Lead Members



9 Background Papers

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Regulations made there under

The Local Government Act 2000

CFA Meeting 13 June 2007 – Paper 8 – Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups and Membership of the Standards Committee.

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial		Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link	*	Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	*
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*



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Appointment of Members to serve on Committees and of Substitute Members for the West Midlands Regional Management Board

Key

Cons – Conservative

Lab – Labour

Lib Dem – Liberal Democrat

Ind - Independent

West Midlands Regional Management Board

Members – 3

Chair of the Fire Authority

Vice-Chair of the Fire Authority

Leader of the Main Opposition Group

Substitutes

To be nominated

To be nominated

To be nominated

Strategy and Resources Committee

Members – 7

P D Box (Lab)

A J Eade (Cons)

N J Hartin (Lib Dem)

Y K Holyoak (Cons)

S J West (Cons)

F R Picken (Lab)

+ 1 Conservative

Audit and Performance Management Committee

Members – 7

Lt Col D G Allen (Cons)

R Davies (Cons)

J Hurst-Knight (Cons)

Dr J Jones (Lab)

C J Mellings (Lib Dem)

D J Minnery (Cons)

C N Mason(Lab)

Human Resources Committee

Members – 7

R Davies (Cons)

Dr J Drummond (Cons)

N J Hartin (Lib Dem)

Mrs Y Holyoak (Cons)

F R Picken (Lab)

+ 1 Conservative

+ 1 Independent



Standards Committee

Members – 4

R E Groom (Ind)
Mrs Y K Holyoak (Cons)
C N Mason (Lab)
C J Mellings (Lib Dem)

Independent Members – 2

M L Tebbutt
I O Webb

Health Panel

Members – 3

Dr J Drummond (Cons)
N J Hartin (Lib Dem)
C N Mason (Lab)

Additional Members – 3

Lt Col D G Allen (Cons)
C J Mellings (Lib Dem)
Dr J Jones (Lab)

Appeals Committee

Members – 3

Major A H Coles (Lib Dem)
J Hurst-Knight (Cons)
F R Picken (Lab)

Additional Members – 3

C J Mellings (Lib Dem)
D J Minnery (Cons)
P Box (Lab)

Disciplinary Appeals Tribunal

Members – 5

Lt Col D G Allen (Cons)
A J Eade (Cons)
N J Hartin (Lib Dem)
Mrs Y K Holyoak (Cons)
P Box (Lab)

Urgency Committee

Members – 7

P D Box (Lab)
R Davies (Cons)
Dr J Drummond (Cons)
R E Groom (Ind)
N J Hartin (Lib Dem)
Mrs Y K Holyoak (Cons)
+ 1 Conservative



Working Groups

The following are working groups of the Fire Authority:

Integrated Risk Management Planning Members' Working Group

Members – 7

P D Box (Lab)
R Davies (Cons)
J E Greenaway (Cons)
N J Hartin (Lib Dem)
Dr J Jones (Lab)
D J Minnery (Cons)
S J West (Cons)

Budget Working Group

Members – 7

The membership of this group is the same as that of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Principal Officers' Employment Panel

Members – 5

Chair of the Fire Authority
Chair of the Human Resources Committee
Leader of the Main Opposition Group
Vice-Chair of the Fire Authority
R E Groom (Ind)

Retained Review Implementation Group

This is a joint Member / Officer Panel.

Members – 3

P D Box (Lab)
N J Hartin (Lib Dem)
S J West (Cons)

Community Liaison Panel

Members – 9

Borough of Telford and Wrekin
Bridgnorth District Council
North Shropshire District Council
Oswestry Borough Council
Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council
South Shropshire District Council
Fire Authority's Older People's Champion
Fire Authority's Younger People's Champion

Lt Col D G Allen and F R Picken
J Hurst-Knight
C J Mellings
P Box
Vacant
N J Hartin
vacant
Dr J Drummond



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Member Champions / Lead Members

The Fire Authority is asked to confirm the following Member Champions / Lead Members:

Procurement and Asset Management Champion

Lt Col D G Allen

Lead Member for Information Technology and Implementing Electronic Government

P D Box

Learning and Development Champion

R Davies

Young People's Champion

Dr J Drummond

Lead Member for Civil Resilience

F R Picken

Older People's Champion

Vacant

Business Risk Management and Audit Champion

Dr J Jones

