



TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY MEETING: 24 JUNE 2024

MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS FOR 2024/2025

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY

The following appointments have been made by the Constituent Authorities to the Fire and Rescue Authority: -

Gateshead M.B.C.	Councillor K Dodds	(Lab.)
	Councillor G Haley	(Lab.)
	Councillor I Patterson	(Lib. Dem.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor G Bell	(Lab.)
	Councillor K Kilgour	(Lab.)
	Councillor D Wood	(Lab.)
	Councillor T Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor J Hunter	(Lab.)
	Councillor C Johnson	(Lab.)
	Councillor M Thirlaway	(Lab.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor J Keegan	(Lab.)
	Councillor J Welsh	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor J Chapman	(Lab.)
	Councillor P Edgeworth	(Lib. Dem.)
	Councillor P Tye	(Lab.)
	Councillor J Warne	(Lab.)
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner	Susan Dungworth	(Lab.)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS

The present political balance of 14:3 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

A copy of the 2023/24 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokespersons for 2023/24 is appended at Appendix 2 for information only.

The Authority is reminded of the duty, under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, to maintain political balance on the Committees and Sub-Committees or to approve "alternative arrangements" pursuant to Section 17 of the 1989 Act. A resolution to approve "alternative arrangements" requires a unanimous decision of the Authority.

Attached at Appendix 3 is the annotated list with appropriate political balance requirements for 2024/2025 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to: -

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2024/2025;
- (ii) consider the appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees and other bodies set out in Appendix 3;
- (iii) consider the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair to each of the Authority's Committees;
- (iv) appoint the Spokesperson for Constituent Councils for the purpose of answering questions from Members of those Councils on the discharge of its functions;
- (v) appoint Lead and Support Member roles;
- (vi) appoint two Members as the Authority's representatives on the Local Government Association (LGA); and
- (vii) appoint two Members and two Substitute Members to the Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (AMFRA).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The undermentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

No papers.

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APPENDIX 1

Allocation of Committee Seats - June 2024

Authority Composition	total seats	<i>Labour</i>		<i>Liberal Dem</i>				totals check	
		<i>14</i>		<i>3</i>					
Committee		<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>		
Governance#	6	4.9412	5	1.0588	1	0.0000	0	6.0000	6
Policy and Performance	6	4.9412	5	1.0588	1	0.0000	0	6.0000	6
Human Resources	8	6.5882	7	1.4118	1	0.0000	0	8.0000	8
Appointments	7	5.7647	6	1.2353	1	0.0000	0	7.0000	7
Disciplinary Appeals	5	4.1176	4	0.8824	1	0.0000	0	5.0000	5
Personnel Appeals*	6	4.9412	5	1.0588	1	0.0000	0	6.0000	6
Emergency	3	2.4706	2	0.5294	1	0.0000	0	3.0000	3
Totals	41	33.7647	34	7.2353	7	0.0000	0	41.0000	41
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#Also has 3 Independent Members

*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee

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COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2023/2024

(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees

(a) Governance Committee

Independent Chair	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. M. Knowles)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)

Councillors Bell, Dodds, Johnson, Keegan, Usher and Woodwark

(b) Policy and Performance Committee

Councillors Dodds, Kilgour, Usher, Wood and Woodwark

Chairperson – Councillor Dodds
Vice Chairperson – Councillor Usher

(c) Human Resources Committee

Councillors Bell, Dodds, Hunter, Kilgour, Patterson, Warne, Welsh and Wood

Chairperson – Councillor Hunter
Vice- Chairperson – Councillor Kilgour

(d) Appointments Committee

Councillors Haley, Hunter, Keegan, Kilgour, Tye and Woodwark

Chairperson – Councillor Tye
Vice-Chairperson – Councillor (Currently vacancy)

(e) Disciplinary Appeals Committee

Councillors Haley, Hunter, Patterson and Tye

Chairperson – Councillor Tye
Vice Chairperson – Councillor (Currently Vacancy)

(f) Personnel Appeals Committee

Councillors Keegan, Kilgour, Patterson, Tye and Usher

Chairperson – Councillor Tye

Vice Chairperson – Councillor (Currently Vacancy)

(g) Emergency Committee

Councillor Haley, Tye and Woodwark

Chairperson – Councillor Tye

Vice Chairperson – Vacancy

(h) Pension Board of Tyne and Wear Fire Authority

Employer Representatives

Four Members of the Strategic Management Group (SMG) – Stewart Nicholson, Phil Clark, Ken Corbett and Michelle Ronan

Scheme Manager Representative

Councillor Welsh (substitute Councillor Keegan) – Non-voting observer/Member of the Human Resources Committee

Member Representatives

Three Member representatives will be nominated by the relevant representative body or organised employee group and appointed by the Authority – Wayne Anderson, Chris Smith and a vacancy.

(iii) Appointment of Spokespersons

The following nominations for spokespersons required for the purpose of answering questions from Members of the Constituent Councils on the discharge of the Authority's functions were approved: -

Gateshead	-	Councillor Dodds
Newcastle	-	Councillor Kilgour
North Tyneside	-	Vacancy
South Tyneside	-	Councillor Keegan
Sunderland	-	Councillor Tye

(iv) Lead Member Roles

The following Lead Members and Support Members were approved:

(i) Community Engagement and Partnerships

Lead Member	-	Councillor Kilgour
Support Member	-	Vacancy

(ii) **Diversity and Equality**

Lead Member - Councillor Haley
Support Member - Councillor Hunter

(iii) **Performance Management**

Lead Member - Councillor Tye
Support Member - Vacancy

(v) **Local Government Association (LGA)**

The following Members were approved as the Authority's representatives on the LGA:

Councillor Tye
Councillor Dodds

(vi) **Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (AMFRA)**

The following Members were approved as the Authority's representatives on AMFRA:

Councillor Tye
Councillor Dodds

Councillor Bell and vacancy.

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COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2024/2025

(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees

(i) Governance Committee (6 seats – balance 5:1)

Independent Chair	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. M. Knowles)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

(ii) Policy and Performance Committee (6 seats – balance 5:1)

Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor
Vice Chair – Councillor

(iii) Human Resources Committee (8 seats – balance 7:1)

Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor
Vice-Chair – Councillor

(iv) Appointments Committee (7 seats – balance 6:1)

Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor
Vice-Chair – Councillor

(v) Disciplinary Appeals Committee (5 seats – balance 4:1)

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor)
Chair of Human Resources Committee	(Councillor)
Labour Member	(Councillor)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor)

Chair – Councillor
Vice Chair – Councillor

(vi) Personnel Appeals Committee (6 seats – balance 5:1)
(N.B. Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee)

Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lib Dem.)

Chair – Councillor
Vice Chair – Councillor

(vii) Emergency Committee (3 seats – balance 2:1)

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor)
Vice-Chair	(Councillor)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor)

Chair – Councillor
Vice Chair – Councillor

(ix) Pension Board of Tyne and Wear Fire Authority

Employer Representatives

Three Members of the Strategic Management Group (SMG) –

Scheme Manager Representative

Councillor (substitute Councillor) – Non-voting observer/Member of the Human Resources Committee

Member Representatives

Three Member representatives will be nominated by the relevant representative body or organised employee group and appointed by the Authority – Wayne Anderson, Chris Smith and a vacancy

(B) Appointment of Spokespersons

Nominations for spokespersons are required for the purpose of answering questions from Members of the Constituent Councils on the discharge of the Authority's functions: -

Gateshead	-	Councillor
Newcastle	-	Councillor
North Tyneside	-	Councillor
South Tyneside	-	Councillor
Sunderland	-	Councillor

(C) Lead Member Roles

Nominations are required for Lead Members and Support Members:

(i) Community Engagement and Partnerships

Lead Member	-	Councillor
Support Member	-	Councillor

(ii) Diversity and Equality

Lead Member	-	Councillor
Support Member	-	Councillor

(iii) Performance Management

Lead Member	-	Councillor
Support Member	-	Councillor

(D) Local Government Association

Councillor
Councillor

(E) Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (AMFRA)

Councillor

Councillor

Substitute Members – Councillors

