

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY  
MEETING: 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2009**

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**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND  
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN FOR 2009/10**

**Report of the Deputy Clerk to the Authority**

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**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY**

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

Gateshead M.B.C.	Councillor G. Haley	(Lab.)
	Councillor D. Bollands	(Lab.)
	Councillor D. Boyes	(Lib.Dem.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
	Councillor R. Clark	(Lib.Dem.)
	Councillor R. Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
	Councillor T. Woodwark	(Lib.Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor D Charlton	(Lab.)
	Councillor P. McIntyre	(Con.)
	Councillor K. Jordan	(Con.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor J. Bell	(Lab.)
	Councillor M. Clare	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor E. Ball	(Lab.)
	Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)
	Councillor B. Scaplehorn	(Lab.)
	Councillor T. Wright	(Lab.)

As North Tyneside Council will not be considering their appointments until 18<sup>th</sup> June, their membership remains the same as 2008/09 until this time. A further report will therefore be submitted to the July meeting to confirm appointments.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN**

The present political balance of 9.4.3 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

A copy of the 2008/09 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokesmen for 2008/09 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 2009/10 for consideration by Members.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Authority is recommended to:-

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2009/10;
- (ii) consider the appointment of Members to the Authority’s Committees and Sub-Committees;
- (iii) agree nominations to the North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board;
- (iv) appoint the Spokesmen 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;
- (vii) appoint a Member to the Local Government Association Urban Commission; and
- (viii) appoint two Members and a Substitute Member to the North East Fire Control Company Limited.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

- Notifications received from the Constituent Authorities.

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# APPENDIX 1

## Allocation of Committee Seats - June 2009

Authority Composition		<i>Labour</i> 9		<i>Liberal Dem</i> 4		<i>Conservative</i> 3		totals check	
Committee/Sub-Committee	total seats	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>		
<b>Governance Committee#</b>	6	3.3750	3	1.5000	2	1.1250	1	6.0000	6
<b>Policy and Performance Committee</b>	6	3.3750	3	1.5000	2	1.1250	1	6.0000	6
<b>Civil Contingencies</b>	8	4.5000	5	2.0000	2	1.5000	1	8.0000	8
<b>Human Resources</b>	8	4.5000	5	2.0000	2	1.5000	1	8.0000	8
<b>Appointments</b>	6	3.3750	3	1.5000	1	1.1250	2	6.0000	6
<b>Disciplinary Appeals Committee</b>	6	3.3750	4	1.5000	1	1.1250	1	6.0000	6
<b>Personnel Appeals*</b>	6	3.3750	3	1.5000	1	1.1250	2	6.0000	6
<b>Emergency Sub</b>	3	1.6875	2	0.7500	1	0.5625	0	3.0000	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27.5625</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12.2500</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9.1875</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>49.0000</b>	<b>49</b>
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#Also has 3 Independent Members

\*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee

### Note:

Labour Group entitled to 9/16 of 49 seats = 27.5625 rounded to 28

Liberal Democrat Group entitled to 4/16 of 49 seats = 12.2500 rounded to 12

Conservative Group entitled to 3/16 of 49 seats = 9.1875 rounded to 9

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**COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2008/09**

**(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees**

**(i) Governance Committee (6 seats – balance 3:2:1)**

Independent Chairman	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. I. Paterson)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Charlton	(Lab.)
Councillor Clark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Forbes	(Con.)

**(ii) Policy Advisory Committee (6 seats – balance 3:2:1)**

Councillor Bollands	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Boyes	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Clark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Jordan	(Con.)

**(iii) Civil Contingencies Committee (8 seats – balance 5:2:1)**

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Charlton	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Heron	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Clark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Jordan	(Con.)

**(iv) Human Resources Committee** (8 seats – balance 5:2:1)

Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Bollands	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor McMillan	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Boyes	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

**(vi) Performance Review Committee** (6 seats – balance 3:1:2)

Councillor Bollands	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Jordan	(Con.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

**(vii) Appointments Committee** (6 seats – balance 3:2:1)

Councillor Bollands	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Boyes	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

**(viii) Disciplinary Appeals Committee** (6 seats – balance 4:1:1)

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Wright)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor N. Forbes)
Chair of Personnel Committee	(Councillor Bollands)
Labour Member	(Councillor Charlton)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor Renton)
Conservative Member	(Councillor Jordan)

**(ix) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee** (6 seats – balance 3:1:2)

(N.B. Should not be Members of Personnel Committee)

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Heron	(Lab.)
Councillor Scaplehorn	(Lab.)
Councillor Clark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Jordan	(Con.)
Councillor McIntyre	(Con.)

**(viii) Emergency Sub-Committee** (3 seats – balance 2:1:0)

Chairman of the Authority	(Councillor Wright)
Vice-Chairman	(Councillor N. Forbes)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor Woodwark)

**(B) North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
Councillor	Councillor Wright (Lab.)
Councillor	Councillor N. Forbes (Lab.)
Councillor	Councillor Renton (Lib.Dem.)
Councillor	Councillor M. Forbes (Con.)

**(C) Appointment of Spokesmen**

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

Gateshead	-	Councillor Bollands
Newcastle	-	Councillor N. Forbes
North Tyneside	-	Councillor Jordan
South Tyneside	-	Councillor Bell
Sunderland	-	Councillor Wright

**(D) Lead Member Roles**

Nominations are required for Lead Members and Support Members:

**(i) Community Engagement and Partnerships**

Lead Member	-	Councillor Wright
Support Member	-	Councillor N. Forbes

**(ii) Diversity and Equality**

Lead Member	-	Councillor Wright
Support Member	-	Councillor N. Forbes

**(iii) Performance Management**

Lead Member	-	Councillor Bell
Support Member	-	Councillor Heron

**(E) Local Government Association**

Councillor Wright  
Councillor N. Forbes

**(F) Local Government Association Urban Commission**

Councillor Wright

**(G) North East Fire Control Company Limited**

Councillor Bell  
Councillor Heron  
Substitute Member – Councillor Charlton

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**(ii) Policy and Performance Committee (6 seats – balance 3:2:1)**

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

**(iii) Civil Contingencies Committee (8 seats – balance 5:2:1)**

Councillor	(Lab.)
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**(iv) Human Resources Committee (8 seats – balance 5:2:1)**

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

**(v) Appointments Committee (6 seats – balance 3:2:1)**

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Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor	)
Conservative Member	(Councillor	)

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Councillor  
Councillor  
Substitute Member – Councillor