

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
MEETING: 8th JUNE 2015**

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN FOR 2015/2016**

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 G. Haley	(Lab.)
	Councillor P. Mole	(Lab.)
	Councillor P. Maughan	(Lib.Dem.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
	Councillor D. Stockdale	(Lab.)
	Councillor H Stephenson	(Lab.)
	Councillor R. Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C. Burdis	(Lab.)
	Councillor J.L.L Harrison	(Lab.)
	Councillor B. Pickard	(Lab.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor J. Bell	(Lab.)
	Councillor J. Perry	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor T. Wright	(Lab.)
	Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)
	Councillor B. Price	(Lab.)
	Councillor L. Lauchlan	(Lab.)

Gateshead Council consider their appointments to the Fire Authority at the first Cabinet Meeting of the Municipal Year. This meeting will not take place until Tuesday 2nd June, however the effect of sections 31 and 32 of the Local Government Act 1985 is that a Member of the Authority who has continued to be a member of the constituent council will remain a Member of the Fire Authority until receipt of notification of any change.

On 28th May, 2015 notification of a change in the appointments for North Tyneside Council was received as follows:-

Councillor B. Pickard (Lab.) to replace Councillor S. Mortimer (Cons.)

This will not take effect until 25th June 2015, unless Councillor Mortimer resigns earlier.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN

The present political balance of 13.2.1 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

A copy of the 2014/15 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokesmen for 2014/15 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 2015/2016 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to:-

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2015/2016;
- (ii) consider the appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees;
- (iii) consider the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman to each of the Authority's Sub-Committees
- (iv) appoint the Spokesmen for Constituent Councils for the purpose of answering questions from Members of those Councils on the discharge of its functions;
- (vii) appoint Lead and Support Member roles;
- (viii) appoint two Members as the Authority's representatives on the Local Government Association;
- (ix) 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 2015

Authority Composition		<i>Labour</i>		<i>Liberal Dem</i>		<i>Conservative</i>		totals check	
		13		2		1		16	
Committee/Sub-Committee	total seats	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>		
Governance Committee#	6	4.8750	5	0.7500	1	0.3750	0	6.0000	6
Policy and Performance Committee	6	4.8750	5	0.7500	1	0.3750	0	6.0000	6
Human Resources	8	6.5000	6	1.0000	1	0.5000	1	8.0000	8
Appointments	7	5.6875	6	0.8750	0	0.4375	1	7.0000	7
Disciplinary Appeals Committee	5	4.0625	4	0.6250	1	0.3125	0	5.0000	5
Personnel Appeals*	6	4.8750	5	0.7500	1	0.3750	0	6.0000	6
Emergency Sub	3	2.4375	2	0.3750	0	0.1875	1	3.0000	3
Totals	41	33.3125	33	5.1250	5	2.5625	3	41.0000	41
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#Also has 3 Independent Members

*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee



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APPENDIX 2

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2014/2015

(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees

(i) Governance Committee (6 seats – balance 4:1:1)

Independent Chairman	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. Knowles)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor Burdis	(Lab.)
Councillor Mole	(Lab.)
Councillor Lauchlan	(Lab.)
Councillor Price	(Lab)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Cons)
Councillor Ord	(Lib. Dem.)

(i) Policy and Performance Committee (6 seats – balance 5:0:1)

Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Stockdale	(Lab.)
Councillor Perry	(Lab.)
Councillor Lauchlan	(Lab.)
Councillor Harrison	(Lab.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

(iii) Human Resources Committee (8 seats – balance 6:1:1)

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Mole	(Lab.)
Councillor Price	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Mortimer	(Con.)

(iv) Appointments Committee (7 seats – balance 5:1:1)

Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Ord	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Mortimer	(Con.)

(v) Disciplinary Appeals Committee (5 seats – balance 4:1:0)

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Wright)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor N. Forbes)
Chair of Human Resources Committee	(Councillor Bell)
Labour Member	(Councillor Harrison)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor Renton)

(vi) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee (6 seats – balance 4:0:1)

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

Councillor Burdis	(Lab.)
Councillor Lauchlan	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Perry	(Lab.)
Councillor Stockdale	(Lab.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(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 Ord)

(B) 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 Mole
Newcastle	-	Councillor N. Forbes
North Tyneside	-	Councillor Burdis
South Tyneside	-	Councillor Bell
Sunderland	-	Councillor Wright

(C) Lead Member Roles

Nominations are required for Lead Members and Support Members:

(i) Community Engagement and Partnerships

Lead Member - Councillor Bell
Support Member - Councillor Haley

(ii) Diversity and Equality

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

(iii) Performance Management

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

(D) Local Government Association

Councillor Wright
Councillor Haley

(E) Local Government Association Urban Commission

Councillor Wright

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

Councillor Wright
Councillor Padgett
Substitute Member – Councillors N. Forbes and Haley

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

Chairman –
Vice Chairman –

(iv) Appointments Committee (7 seats – balance 6:0:1)

Councillor (Lab.)
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Councillor (Lab.)
Councillor (Lab.)
Councillor (Lab.)
Councillor (Lab.)
Councillor (Con.)

Chairman –
Vice Chairman –

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

Chairman –
Vice Chairman –

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(N.B. Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee)

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

Chairman –
Vice Chairman –

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

Chairman of the Authority (Councillor)
Vice-Chairman (Councillor)
Conservative Member (Councillor)

Chairman –
Vice Chairman –

(ix) Pension Board of Tyne and Wear Fire Authority

Councillor -
Senior Officer -
Fire Officer Association Representative -
FBU Representative -

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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 Member – Councillor