

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
MEETING: 14TH JUNE 2010**

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN FOR 2010/2011****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 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 M. Huscroft	(Lib.Dem.)
	Councillor K. Jordan	(Con.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor J. Bell	(Lab.)
	Councillor M. Clare	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor M. Essl	(Lab.)
	Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)
	Councillor D. Trueman	(Lab.)
	Councillor T. Wright	(Lab.)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN

The present political balance of 9.5.2 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

There has been a minor adjustment of the numbers on the Appointments and Disciplinary Appeals Committees.

A copy of the 2009/10 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokesmen for 2009/10 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 2010/2011 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to:-

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2010/2011;
- (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.
- (x) 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:

- Notification received from the Constituent Authorities.

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Allocation of Committee Seats - June 2010

Authority Composition	total seats	<i>Labour</i>		<i>Liberal Dem</i>		<i>Conservative</i>		totals check	
		<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>		
			9		5		2		16
Governance Committee#	6	3.3750	3	1.8750	2	0.7500	1	6.0000	6
Policy and Performance Committee	6	3.3750	3	1.8750	2	0.7500	1	6.0000	6
Civil Contingencies	8	4.5000	5	2.5000	2	1.0000	1	8.0000	8
Human Resources	8	4.5000	5	2.5000	2	1.0000	1	8.0000	8
Appointments	7	3.9375	4	2.1875	2	0.8750	1	7.0000	7
Disciplinary Appeals Committee	5	2.8125	3	1.5625	2	0.6250	0	5.0000	5
Personnel Appeals*	6	3.3750	3	1.8750	2	0.7500	1	6.0000	6
Emergency Sub	3	1.6875	2	0.9375	1	0.3750	0	3.0000	3
Totals	49	27.5625	28	15.3125	15	6.1250	6	49.0000	49
								49.0000	

#Also has 3 Independent Members

*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee

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COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2009/10

(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 M. Forbes	(Con.)

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

Councillor Clare	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Boyes	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Mortimer	(Con.)

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

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Charlton	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Scaplehorn	(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 Charlton	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Ball	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Boyes	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

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

Councillor Charlton	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Boyes	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Mortimer	(Con.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

(vi) 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 Human Resources Committee	(Councillor Charlton)
Labour Member	(Councillor Clare)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor Renton)
Conservative Member	(Councillor Jordan)

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

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

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Bollands	(Lab.)
Councillor Scaplehorn	(Lab.)
Councillor Clark	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Jordan	(Con.)
Councillor Mortimer	(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

Member	Substitute	
Councillor Wright	Councillor Ball	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	Councillor Ball	(Lab.)
Councillor Woodwark	Councillor Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor M. Forbes	Councillor Jordan	(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 Haley
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 Bell
Support Member	-	Councillor Boyes

(ii) Diversity and Equality

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

(iii) Performance Management

Lead Member	-	Councillor Wright
Support Member	-	Councillor Jordan

(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 Haley
Substitute Member – Councillor Charlton

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

Councillor T. Wright
Councillor N. Forbes
Substitute Members – Councillors Ball and Scaplehorn

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Councillor	(Lib.Dem.)
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(ii) Policy and Performance Committee (6 seats – balance 3:2:1)

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

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

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

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

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

(v) Appointments Committee (7 seats – balance 4:2:1)

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

(vi) Disciplinary Appeals Committee (5 seats – balance 3:2:0)

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor)
Chair of Personnel Committee	(Councillor)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor)
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(vii) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee (6 seats – balance 3:2:1)

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

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Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor)

(B) North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board

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(G) North East Fire Control Company Limited

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

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