

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**MEETING: 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2006**

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**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

**REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY**

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**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Members may recall at the Meeting of the Authority on 20th March, 2006 it was decided to increase the membership of the Governance Committee (formerly known as the Standards Committee) to 8 members consisting of an Independent Chairman, an Independent Member and 6 members of the Authority.
- 1.2 An advertisement was placed inviting members of the public interested in filling the vacant position of Independent Member to respond. The only expression of interest received was from Mr. J.P. Paterson.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Mr. J.P. Paterson has served as an Independent Member and Vice-Chairman of the City of Sunderland Standards Committee for over four years and was recently appointed onto the City of Sunderland Audit and Governance Committee as an Independent Member. He has acquired experience on Standards Committee issues and is keen to learn about the Fire Service.

**3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Members are asked to:-
  - Consider the appointment of Mr. J.P. Paterson as an Independent Member on the Governance Committee.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Correspondence from Mr. J.P. Paterson sent to Deputy Clerk.