

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
MEETING: 11TH JUNE 2012**

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN FOR 2012/2013****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 C. Ord	(Lib.Dem.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
	Councillor D. Ahad	(Lab.)
	Councillor H Stephenson	(Lab.)
	Councillor R. Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C. Gambling	(Lab.)
	Councillor T. Mulvena	(Lab.)
	Councillor S. Mortimer	(Con.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor J. Bell	(Lab.)
	Councillor H. E. McAtominey	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor T. Wright	(Lab.)
	Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)
	Councillor Waller	(Lab.)
	Councillor N. Padgett	(Lab.)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN

The present political balance of 12.2.2 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

A copy of the 2011/12 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokesmen for 2011/12 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 2012/2013 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to:-

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2012/2013;
- (ii) consider the appointment of Members to the Authority’s Committees and Sub-Committees;
- (iii) 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;
- (viii) appoint two Members and two Substitute Members to the Association of Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities (AMFRA); and
- (ix) appoint two Members to the North East Fire Control Company.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- Notification received from the Constituent Authorities.

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY									APPENDIX 1
Allocation of Committee Seats - June 2012									
								totals check	
		<i>Labour</i>		<i>Liberal Dem</i>		<i>Conservative</i>			
Authority Composition		12		2		2		16	
	total seats								
Committee/Sub-Committee		<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>		
Governance Committee#	6	4.5000	4	0.7500	1	0.7500	1	6.0000	6
Policy and Performance Committee	6	4.5000	5	0.7500	0	0.7500	1	6.0000	6
Human Resources	8	6.0000	6	1.0000	1	1.0000	1	8.0000	8
Appointments	7	5.2500	5	0.8750	1	0.8750	1	7.0000	7
Disciplinary Appeals Committee	5	3.7500	4	0.6250	0	0.6250	1	5.0000	5
Personnel Appeals*	6	4.5000	4	0.7500	1	0.7500	1	6.0000	6
Emergency Sub	3	2.2500	2	0.3750	1	0.3750	0	3.0000	3
Standards Committee	6	4.5000	4	0.7500	1	0.7500	1	6.0000	6
Totals	47	35.2500	34	5.8750	6	5.8750	7	47.0000	47
								47.0000	
#Also has 3 Independent Members									
*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee									

APPENDIX 2**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY****COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2011/2012****(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees****(i) Governance Committee (6 seats – balance 5:1:0)**

Independent Chairman	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. I. Paterson)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor Gambling	(Lab.)
Councillor Watters	(Lab.)
Councillor Trueman	(Lab.)
Councillor Mole	(Lab.)
Councillor Padgett	(Lab.)
Councillor Ord	(Lib. Dem.)

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

Councillor N.Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Heron	(Lab.)
Councillor Ahad	(Lab.)
Councillor Mulvenna	(Lab.)
Councillor Padgett	(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 Trueman	(Lab.)
Councillor Watters	(Lab.)
Councillor Moles	(Lab.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Mortimer	(Con.)

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

Councillor Heron	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Ord	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

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

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Heron)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor N. Forbes)
Chair of Personnel Committee	(Councillor Bell)
Labour Member	(Councillor Watters)
Conservative Member	(Councillor Mortimer)

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

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

Councillor Heron	(Lab.)
Councillor Ahad	(Lab.)
Councillor Padgett	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Ord	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

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

Chairman of the Authority	(Councillor Heron)
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 Gambling
South Tyneside	-	Councillor Bell
Sunderland	-	Councillor Heron

(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 Ahad

(iii) Performance Management

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

(D) Local Government Association

Councillor Heron
Councillor N Forbes

Substitute – Councillor Haley

(E) Local Government Association Urban Commission

Councillor Heron

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

Councillor Heron
Councillor N. Forbes
Substitute Members – Councillors Trueman and Padgett

(G) North East Fire Control Company Limited

Councillor Bell
Councillor Haley

APPENDIX 3

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2012/2013

(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees

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

Independent Chairman	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. I. Paterson)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab)
Councillor	(Cons)
Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

(i) Standards Committee (6 seats – balance 4:1:1 proposed as an alternative arrangement to political balance)

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

These appointments are subject to the Authority agreeing to establish the Committee with effect from implementation of the new standards regime introduced by the Localism Act 2011 (expected to be 1 July 2012). It is also proposed that instead of the ratio of 5:1 in accordance with political balance, as permitted by section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, an alternate arrangement of 4:1:1 be approved to enable all parties to be represented on the committee. This arrangement may be agreed if no member of the Authority votes against it.

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

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

Councillor (Con.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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(E) Local Government Association Urban Commission

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

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Substitute Member - Councillor

(G) North East Fire Control Company Limited

Councillor
Councillor
Substitute Member – Councillor

