

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
MEETING: 10TH JUNE 2013**

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN FOR 2013/2014**

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. Stockdale	(Lab.)
	Councillor H Stephenson	(Lab.)
	Councillor R. Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C. Gambling	(Lab.)
	Councillor J.L.L Harrison	(Lab.)
	Vacancy	(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 B. Price	(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 2012/13 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokesmen for 2012/13 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 2013/2014 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to:-

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2013/2014;
- (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;
- (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

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 2013										
								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										

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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 Gambling	(Lab.)
Councillor Mole	(Lab.)
Councillor Padgett	(Lab.)
Councillor Price	(Lab)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Cons)
Councillor Ord	(Lib. Dem.)

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

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Padgett	(Lab.)
Councillor Mulvenna	(Lab)
Councillor Mortimer	(Cons.)
Councillor Renton	(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 N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Ahad	(Lab.)
Councillor Mulvenna	(Lab.)
Councillor Padgett	(Lab.)
Councillor McAtominey	(Lab.)
Councillor M. Forbes	(Con.)

(iv) 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.)

(v) 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 M. Forbes	(Con.)

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

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

(vii) Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee (6 seats – balance 4:1:1)
(N.B. Should not be Members of Personnel Committee)

Councillor Ahad	(Lab.)
Councillor Padgett	(Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor McAtominey	(Lab.)
Councillor Ord	(Lib.Dem.)
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 Gambling
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 Ahad

(iii) **Performance Management**

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

(D) **Local Government Association**

Councillor Wright
Councillor N. Forbes

Substitute – 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

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

Councillor Bell
Councillor Haley

APPENDIX 3

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

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Labour Member	(Councillor)
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