

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
MEETING: 8 JULY 2022**

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS FOR 2022/2023**

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 K Dodds Councillor C Ord Councillor G Haley	(Lab.) (Lib. Dem.) (Lab.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor D Wood Councillor G Bell Councillor K Kilgour Councillor T Woodwark	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lib. Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C Burdis Councillor J Hunter Councillor C Johnson	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor W Flynn Councillor J Keegan	(Lab.) (Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor J Warne Councillor P Tye Councillor J Doyle Councillor J Price	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Con.) (Lab.) *
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner	Ms Kim McGuinness	(Lab.)

*Note – In terms of the appointment of Councillor J Price, which was made at Sunderland City Council's Annual Meeting on 18th May, 2022, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk have since received notification of a change to this appointment. The appointment of Councillor J Usher will be considered at Sunderland Council's meeting on Wednesday 22nd June, 2022 and subject to this appointment being approved, this change will be implemented in time for the Annual Meeting of the Fire Authority, given that a resignation with immediate effect was received from Councillor J Price on 11th June, 2022.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS

The present political balance of 14.2.1 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

A copy of the 2021/22 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokespersons for 2021/22 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 2022/2023 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to: -

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2022/2023;
- (ii) consider the appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees;
- (iii) consider the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair to each of the Authority's Committees
- (iv) appoint the Spokesperson 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 (LGA);
- (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 2022

Authority Composition	total seats	<i>Labour</i>		<i>Liberal Dem</i>		<i>Un-Grouped members</i>	<i>totals check</i>	
		<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	(Conservative)		
		14		2		1	17	
Committee	total seats	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>spare seats</i>		
Governance#	6	4.9412	5	0.7059	1		5.6471	6
Policy and Performance	6	4.9412	5	0.7059	1		5.6471	6
Human Resources	8	6.5882	7	0.9412	1		7.5294	8
Appointments	7	5.7647	6	0.8235	1		6.5882	7
Disciplinary Appeals	5	4.1176	4	0.5882	0	1	5.7059	5
Personnel Appeals*	6	4.9412	5	0.7059	0	1	6.6471	6
Emergency	3	2.4706	2	0.3529	1		2.8235	3
Totals	41	33.7647	34	4.8235	5	2	40.5882	41
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#Also has 3 Independent Members

*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee

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COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2021/2022

(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees

(i) Governance Committee (6 seats – balance 5:1:0)

Independent Chair	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. M. Knowles)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor Burdis	(Lab.)
Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Flynn	(Lab.)
Councillor Keegan	(Lab.)
Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Ord	(Lib. Dem.)

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

Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Johnson	(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour	(Lab.)
Councillor Samuels	(Lab.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Forbes
Vice Chair – Councillor Dodds

(iii) Human Resources Committee (8 seats – balance 7:1:0)

Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Flynn	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Taylor	(Lab.)
Councillor Hunter	(Lab.)
Councillor Warne	(Lab.)
Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Haley
Vice-Chair – Councillor Hunter

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

Councillor Taylor	(Lab.)
Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Samuels	(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour	(Lab.)
Councillor Hunter	(Lab.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Taylor
Vice-Chair – Councillor Forbes

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

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Taylor)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Forbes)
Chair of Human Resources Committee	(Councillor Haley)
Labour Member	(Councillor Hunter)
Conservative Member (ungrouped)	(Councillor Doyle)

Chair – Councillor Taylor
Vice Chair – Councillor Forbes

(vi) Personnel Appeals Committee (6 seats – balance 5:0:1)
(N.B. Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee)

Councillor Burdis	(Lab.)
Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour	(Lab.)
Councillor Keegan	(Lab.)
Councillor Samuels	(Lab.)
Councillor Doyle	(Cons.) (ungrouped)

Chair – Councillor Forbes
Vice Chair – Councillor Burdis

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

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Taylor)
Vice-Chair	(Councillor Forbes)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor Woodwark)

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(ix) Pension Board of Tyne and Wear Fire Authority

Employer Representatives

Three Members of the Strategic Management Group (SMG) – Peter Heath, John Rawling and Phil Clark

Scheme Manager Representative

Councillor Flynn (substitute Councillor Keegan) – Non-voting observer/Member of the Human Resources Committee

Member Representatives

Three Member representatives will be nominated by the relevant representative body or organised employee group and appointed by the Authority – Wayne Anderson, Chris Smith and a vacancy

(B) Appointment of Spokespersons

Nominations for spokespersons 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 Forbes
North Tyneside	-	Councillor Burdis
South Tyneside	-	Councillor Flynn
Sunderland	-	Councillor Taylor

(C) Lead Member Roles

Nominations are required for Lead Members and Support Members:

(i) Community Engagement and Partnerships

Lead Member	-	Councillor Burdis
Support Member	-	Councillor Kilgour

(ii) Diversity and Equality

Lead Member	-	Councillor Haley
Support Member	-	Councillor Hunter

(iii) Performance Management

Lead Member	-	Councillor Taylor
Support Member	-	Councillor Forbes

(D) Local Government Association

Councillor Taylor
Councillor Dodds

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

Councillor Taylor
Councillor Dodds

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Councillor	(Lab.)
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Support Member	-	Councillor

(D) Local Government Association

Councillor
Councillor

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

Councillor

Councillor

Substitute Members – Councillors