

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**MEETING: 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, 2008**

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**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES  
AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMAN**

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Members will recall the sad loss of Councillor Cooney on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2008. An appointment was made by Newcastle City Council to fill this vacancy, at its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2008. In addition to this, Councillor Armstrong has submitted her letter of resignation and Gateshead MBC appointed to their vacancy at their Cabinet meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2008. The position of Vice-Chairman to the Authority is also vacant.

**2. MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY**

- 2.1 Notification received regarding the appointments made by the Constituent Authorities to replace Councillors Armstrong and Cooney is as follows:-

Gateshead MBC	Councillor G. Haley (Lab.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor N. Forbes (Lab.)

Members are asked to note the above appointments

**3. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMAN**

- 3.1 The following vacancies are to be considered in relation to the Committees detailed below:-

(i)	Governance Committee	- one vacancy
	Policy Advisory Committee	- one vacancy
	Civil Contingencies Committee	- one vacancy
	Human Resources Committee	- two vacancies
	Performance Review Committee	- one vacancy
	Appointments Committee	- one vacancy
	Disciplinary Appeals Committee	- one vacancy

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| Emergency Sub-Committee                                     | - one vacancy |
| (ii) North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board   | - one vacancy |
| (iii) Spokesman for Newcastle City Council                  | - one vacancy |
| (iv) Community Engagement and Partnerships – Support Member | - one vacancy |
| (v) Diversity and Equality Support Member                   | - one vacancy |
| (vi) Representative on the Local Government Association     |               |

**N.B. All above vacancies are to be filled by a Member of the Majority Party.**

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 The Authority is recommended to:-

- (i) note the appointment of Councillors Haley and N. Forbes;
- (ii) consider the vacancies on the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees;
- (iii) agree a nomination to the North East Fire and Rescue Regional Management Board;
- (iv) appoint the Spokesman for Newcastle City Council for the purpose of answering questions from Members of those Councils on the discharge of its functions;
- (v) appoint to vacancies on Lead and Support Member roles; and
- (vi) appoint a Member as the Authority's representative on the Local Government Association;
- (vii) Appoint a Vice-Chairman to the Authority

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

- Notifications received from the Constituent Authorities.