



**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY  
MEETING: 26 JUNE 2023**

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**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND  
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS FOR 2023/2024**

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

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**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	(Lab.)
	Councillor I Patterson	(Lib. Dem.)
	Councillor G Haley	(Lab.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor D Wood	(Lab.)
	Councillor G Bell	(Lab.)
	Councillor K Kilgour	(Lab.)
	Councillor T Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C Burdis	(Lab.)
	Councillor J Hunter	(Lab.)
	Councillor C Johnson	(Lab.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor J Keegan	(Lab.)
	Councillor J Welsh	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor J Warne	(Lab.)
	Councillor P Tye	(Lab.)
	Councillor G Smith	(Lib. Dem.)
	Councillor J Usher	(Lab.)
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner	Kim McGuinness	(Lab.)

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS**

The present political balance of 14:3 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

A copy of the 2022/23 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokespersons for 2022/23 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 2023/2024 for consideration by Members.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Authority is recommended to: -

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2023/2024;
- (ii) consider the appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees and other bodies set out in Appendix 3;
- (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;
- (v) appoint Lead and Support Member roles;
- (vi) appoint two Members as the Authority's representatives on the Local Government Association (LGA); and
- (vii) 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 2023

Authority Composition		<i>Labour</i>		<i>Liberal Dem</i>				totals check	
		14		3				17	
Committee	total seats	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>	<i>decimal</i>	<i>seats</i>		
Governance#	6	4.9412	5	1.0588	1	0.0000	0	6.0000	6
Policy and Performance	6	4.9412	5	1.0588	1	0.0000	0	6.0000	6
Human Resources	8	6.5882	7	1.4118	1	0.0000	0	8.0000	8
Appointments	7	5.7647	6	1.2353	1	0.0000	0	7.0000	7
Disciplinary Appeals	5	4.1176	4	0.8824	1	0.0000	0	5.0000	5
Personnel Appeals*	6	4.9412	5	1.0588	1	0.0000	0	6.0000	6
Emergency	3	2.4706	2	0.5294	1	0.0000	0	3.0000	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33.7647</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7.2353</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41.0000</b>	<b>41</b>
								<b>41.0000</b>	

#Also has 3 Independent Members

\*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee



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**COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022/2023**

**(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees**

**(i) Governance Committee**

Independent Chair	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. M. Knowles)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)

Councillors Bell, Dodds, Flynn, Johnson, Keegan and Ord

**(ii) Policy and Performance Committee**

Councillors Burdis, Dodds, Kilgour, Usher, Wood and Woodwark

Chairperson – Councillor Burdis  
Vice Chairperson – Councillor Dodds

**(iii) Human Resources Committee**

Councillors Bell, Dodds, Flynn, Haley, Hunter, Ord, Warne and Wood

Chairperson – Councillor Haley  
Vice- Chairperson – Councillor Hunter

**(iv) Appointments Committee**

Councillors Burdis, Flynn, Haley, Hunter, Kilgour, Tye and Woodwark

Chairperson – Councillor Tye  
Vice-Chairperson – Councillor Burdis

**(v) Disciplinary Appeals Committee**

Councillors Burdis, Doyle, Haley, Hunter and Tye

Chairperson – Councillor Tye  
Vice Chairperson – Councillor Burdis

**(vi) Personnel Appeals Committee**

Councillors Burdis, Doyle, Keegan, Kilgour, Tye and Usher

Chairperson – Councillor Tye

Vice Chairperson – Councillor Burdis

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

Councillor Burdis, Tye and Woodwark

Chairperson – Councillor Tye

Vice Chairperson – Councillor Burdis

**(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**

The following nominations for spokespersons required for the purpose of answering questions from Members of the Constituent Councils on the discharge of the Authority's functions were approved: -

Gateshead	-	Councillor Dodds
Newcastle	-	Councillor Kilgour
North Tyneside	-	Councillor Burdis
South Tyneside	-	Councillor Flynn
Sunderland	-	Councillor Tye

**(C) Lead Member Roles**

The following Lead Members and Support Members were approved:

**(i) Community Engagement and Partnerships**

Lead Member	-	Councillor Kilgour
Support Member	-	Councillor Burdis

**(ii) Diversity and Equality**

Lead Member	-	Councillor Haley
Support Member	-	Councillor Hunter

(iii) **Performance Management**

Lead Member	-	Councillor Tye
Support Member	-	Councillor Burdis

**(D) Local Government Association (LGA)**

The following Members were approved as the Authority's representatives on the LGA:

Councillor Tye  
Councillor Dodds

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

The following Members were approved as the Authority's representatives on AMFRA:

Councillor Tye  
Councillor Dodds

No substitutes were appointed.

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COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2023/2024

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

Independent Chair	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. M. Knowles)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

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

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

Chair – Councillor  
Vice Chair – Councillor

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

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

Chair – Councillor  
Vice-Chair – Councillor



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

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

Chair – Councillor

Vice-Chair – Councillor

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

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor	)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor	)
Chair of Human Resources Committee	(Councillor	)
Labour Member	(Councillor	)
Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor	)

Chair – Councillor

Vice Chair – Councillor

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

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

Chair – Councillor

Vice Chair – Councillor

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

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

Chair – Councillor

Vice Chair – Councillor

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Scheme Manager Representative

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Member Representatives

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

**(C) Lead Member Roles**

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**

Councillor  
Councillor

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

Councillor

Councillor

Substitute Members – Councillors