

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
MEETING: 10 JUNE 2019**

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS FOR 2019/2020**

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	(Lab.)
	Councillor D Duggan	(Lib. Dem.)
	Councillor G Haley	(Lab.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor N Forbes	(Lab.)
	Councillor K Kilgour	(Lab.)
	Councillor H Stephenson	(Lab.)
	Councillor T Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C Burdis	(Lab.)
	Councillor Hunter	(Lab.)
	Councillor B Pickard	(Lab.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor W Flynn	(Lab.)
	Councillor Purvis	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor M Butler	(Lab.)
	Councillor A Samuels	(Lab.)
	Councillor R Oliver	(Con.)
	Councillor A Taylor	(Lab.)
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner	Dame Vera Baird QC	(Lab.)

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 2018/19 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokespersons for 2018/19 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 2019/2020 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to: -

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2019/2020;
- (ii) consider the appointment of Members to the Authority's Committees;
- (iii) consider the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman 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 2019

Authority Composition		<i>Labour</i>		<i>Liberal Dem</i>		<i>Un-Grouped members</i> (Conservative)		<i>totals check</i>	
		14		2		1		17	
Committee	total seats	decimal	seats	decimal	seats	decimal	seats	spare seats	
Governance#	6	4.9412	5	0.7059	1	0.0000	0		5.6471 6
Policy and Performance	6	4.9412	5	0.7059	1	0.0000	0		5.6471 6
Human Resources	8	6.5882	7	0.9412	1	0.0000	0		7.5294 8
Appointments	7	5.7647	6	0.8235	1	0.0000	0		6.5882 7
Disciplinary Appeals	5	4.1176	4	0.5882	0	0.0000	0	1	5.7059 5
Personnel Appeals*	6	4.9412	5	0.7059	0	0.0000	0	1	6.6471 6
Emergency	3	2.4706	2	0.3529	1	0.0000	0		2.8235 3
Totals	41	33.7647	34	4.8235	5	0.0000	0	2	40.5882 41 40.5882

#Also has 3 Independent Members

*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee

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COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2018/2019

(A) Authority Committees and Sub Committees

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

Independent Chairman	(Mr. G. Cook)
Independent Member	(Mr. M. Knowles)
Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Burdis	(Lab.)
Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Flynn	(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour	(Lab.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)

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

Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Harrison	(Lab.)
Councillor Perry	(Lab.)
Councillor Taylor	(Lab.)
Councillor Duggan	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Forbes
Vice Chair – Councillor Perry

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

Councillor Emerson	(Lab.)
Councillor Flynn	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Pickard	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Curran	(Lab.)
Councillor Oliver	(Con.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Haley
Vice-Chair – Councillor Pickard

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

Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Flynn	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Pickard	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)
Councillor Oliver	(Con.)

Chair – Councillor Curran
Vice-Chair – Councillor Forbes

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

Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Curran)
Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor Forbes)
Chair of Human Resources Committee	(Councillor Haley)
Labour Member	(Councillor Harrison)
Conservative Member	(Councillor Oliver)

Chair – Councillor Curran
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 Perry	(Lab.)
Councillor Taylor	(Lab.)
Councillor Oliver	(Cons.)

Chair – Councillor Forbes
Vice Chair – Councillor Burdis

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

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

Chair – Councillor Curran
Vice Chair – Councillor Forbes

(ix) Pension Board of Tyne and Wear Fire Authority

Employer Representatives

Two Principal Officers or appropriate Grey Book Managers – Alan Robson and Tony Markwell
Councillor Perry (substitute Councillor Flynn)

Member Representatives

Three Member representatives will be nominated by the relevant representative body or organised employee group and appointed by the Authority – Keith Carruthers, Russ King and Chris Moore

(B) Appointment of Spokespersons

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 Haley
Newcastle	-	Councillor Forbes
North Tyneside	-	Councillor Burdis
South Tyneside	-	Councillor Flynn
Sunderland	-	Councillor Curran

(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 Stephenson

(iii) Performance Management

Lead Member	-	Councillor Curran
Support Member	-	Councillor Forbes

(D) Local Government Association

Councillor Curran
Councillor Dodds

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

Councillor Curran

Councillor Dodds

Substitute Members – Councillors Haley

APPENDIX 3

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[illegible]

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Vice Chair –

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

[illegible]

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Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair –
Vice Chair –

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

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Vice Chair –

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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