

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
MEETING: 19th JUNE 2017**

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN FOR 2017/2018**

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 K. Dodds	(Lab.)
	Councillor P. Maughan	(Lib.Dem.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
	Councillor K. Kilgour	(Lab.)
	Councillor H Stephenson	(Lab.)
	Councillor R. Renton	(Lib.Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C. Burdis	(Lab.)
	Councillor J.L.L Harrison	(Lab.)
	Councillor B. Pickard	(Lab.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor W. Flynn	(Lab.)
	Councillor J. Perry	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor T. Wright	(Lab.)
	Councillor R. Oliver	(Con.)
	Councillor P. Middleton	(Lab.)
	Councillor A. Emerson	(Lab.)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESMEN

The present political balance of 13.2.1 gives a distribution of seats as per Appendix 1 attached.

A copy of the 2016/17 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokesmen for 2016/17 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 2017/2018 for consideration by Members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to:-

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2017/2018;
- (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;
- (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 2017

		Labour		Liberal Dem		Conservative		totals	
Authority Composition		13		2		1		check	
Committee/Sub-Committee	total seats	decimal	seats	decimal	seats	decimal	seats		
Governance Committee#	6	4.8750	5	0.7500	1	0.3750	0	6.0000	6
Policy and Performance Committee	6	4.8750	5	0.7500	1	0.3750	0	6.0000	6
Human Resources Committee	8	6.5000	6	1.0000	1	0.5000	1	8.0000	8
Appointments Committee	7	5.6875	6	0.8750	0	0.4375	1	7.0000	7
Disciplinary Appeals Committee	5	4.0625	4	0.6250	1	0.3125	0	5.0000	5
Personnel Appeals Committee*	6	4.8750	5	0.7500	1	0.3750	0	6.0000	6
Emergency Sub Committee	3	2.4375	2	0.3750	0	0.1875	1	3.0000	3
Totals	41	33.3125	33	5.1250	5	2.5625	3	41.0000	41
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#Also has 3 Independent Members

*Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee

APPENDIX 2

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2016/2017

(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 Burdis	(Lab.)
Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour	(Lab.)
Councillor Middleton	(Lab.)
Councillor Waller	(Lab.)
Councillor Maughan	(Lib. Dem.)

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

Councillor N. Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Harrison	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Perry	(Lab.)
Councillor Middleton	(Lab.)
Councillor Renton	(Lib. Dem.)

Chairman – Councillor N. Forbes
Vice Chairman – Councillor Perry

(iii) Human Resources Committee (8 seats – balance 6:1:1)

Councillor Bell	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Pickard	(Lab.)
Councillor Waller	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Wright	(Lab.)

Councillor Renton (Lib.Dem.)
Councillor Oliver (Con.)

Chairman – Councillor Bell
Vice Chairman – Councillor Haley

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

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

Chairman – Councillor Wright
Vice Chairman – Councillor N. Forbes

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

Chair of the Authority (Councillor Wright)
Vice-Chair of the Authority (Councillor N. Forbes)
Chair of Human Resources Committee (Councillor Bell)
Labour Member (Councillor Harrison)
Liberal Democrat Member (Councillor Renton)

Chairman – Councillor Wright
Vice Chairman – Councillor N. Forbes

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

Councillor Burdis (Lab.)
Councillor N. Forbes (Lab.)
Councillor Middleton (Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour (Lab.)
Councillor Perry (Lab.)
Councillor Maughan (Lib. Dem.)

Chairman – Councillor N. Forbes
Vice Chairman – Councillor Burdis

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

Chairman of the Authority (Councillor Wright)

Vice-Chairman
Conservative Member

(Councillor N. Forbes)
(Councillor Oliver)

Chairman – Councillor Wright
Vice Chairman – Councillor M. Forbes

(ix) Pension Board of Tyne and Wear Fire Authority

Councillor - Perry

(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 Haley
Newcastle	-	Councillor N. Forbes
North Tyneside	-	Councillor Burdis
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 Stephenson

(iii) Performance Management

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

(D) Local Government Association

Councillor Wright
Councillor Haley

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

Councillor Wright
Councillor Haley
Substitute Members – Councillors Forbes

Councillor	(Lib.Dem.)
Councillor	(Con.)

Chairman –
Vice Chairman –

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

Councillor	(Lab.)
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Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Con.)

Chairman –
Vice Chairman –

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

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

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Substitute Members – Councillors

