

**TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY  
MEETING: 14 JUNE 2021**

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**MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND  
APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS FOR 2021/2022**

**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 C Ord	(Lib. Dem.)
	Councillor G Haley	(Lab.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor N Forbes	(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 W Flynn	(Lab.)
	Councillor N Dick	(Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor J Warne	(Lab.)
	Councillor A Samuels	(Lab.)
	Councillor J Doyle	(Con.)
	Councillor A Taylor	(Lab.)
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner	Ms Kim McGuinness	(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 2020/21 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokespersons for 2020/21 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 2021/2022 for consideration by Members.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Authority is recommended to: -

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2021/2022;
- (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 2021

						<i>Un-Grouped members</i> (Conservative) 1	<b>totals check</b> 17	
Authority Composition		<i>Labour</i> 14		<i>Liberal Dem</i> 2				
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33.7647</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4.8235</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40.5882</b>	<b>41</b>
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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 2020/2021**

**(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 Hunter	(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 Pickard	(Lab.)
Councillor Purvis	(Lab.)
Councillor Samuels	(Lab.)
Councillor Duggan	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Forbes  
Vice Chair – Councillor Dodds

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

Councillor Butler	(Lab.)
Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Flynn	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Pickard	(Lab.)
Councillor Taylor	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Haley  
Vice-Chair – Councillor Pickard

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

Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Haley	(Lab.)
Councillor Pickard	(Lab.)
Councillor Samuels	(Lab.)
Councillor Stephenson	(Lab.)
Councillor Taylor	(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 Butler	(Lab.)
Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour	(Lab.)
Councillor Purvis	(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)

Chair – Councillor Taylor  
Vice Chair – Councillor Forbes

**(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 Purvis) – 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 spokesperson 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 Stephenson

**(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

Substitute Members – Councillors Haley



## APPENDIX 3

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

Councillor	(Lab.)
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Chair – Councillor

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Vice-Chair of the Authority	(Councillor	)
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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