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Your Ref: Our Ref:

Date: 30 June 2022

# **Dear Councillor**

You are summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Authority to be held in the Main Conference Room, Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Barmston Mere on **Friday 8 July 2022** at **2.30pm** when it is proposed to transact the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

**Chris Lowther** 

Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive

Clerk to the Authority

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# AGENDA

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Item No. 5

# TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY MEETING: 8 JULY 2022

MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSONS FOR 2022/2023

#### 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 Councillor C Ord Councillor G Haley	(Lab.) (Lib. Dem.) (Lab.)
Newcastle City Council	Councillor D Wood Councillor G Bell Councillor K Kilgour Councillor T Woodwark	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lib. Dem.)
North Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor C Burdis Councillor J Hunter Councillor C Johnson	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.)
South Tyneside M.B.C.	Councillor W Flynn Councillor J Keegan	(Lab.) (Lab.)
Sunderland City Council	Councillor J Warne Councillor P Tye Councillor J Doyle Councillor J Price	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Con.) (Lab.) *
Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner	Ms Kim McGuinness	(Lab.)

\*Note – In terms of the appointment of Councillor J Price, which was made at Sunderland City Council's Annual Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk have since received notification of a change to this appointment. The appointment of Councillor J Usher will be considered at Sunderland Council's meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 and subject to this appointment being approved, this change will be implemented in time for the Annual Meeting of the Fire Authority, given that a resignation with immediate effect was received from Councillor J Price on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

#### 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 2021/22 composition of the Authority's Committees and Sub-Committees together with a list of the Authority's spokespersons for 2021/22 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 2022/2023 for consideration by Members.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Authority is recommended to: -

- (i) note the membership of the Authority for 2022/2023;
- (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.

# TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **Allocation of Committee Seats - June 2022**

Authority Composition		Labo 14		Liberal 2	Dem	Un-Grouped members (Conservative)	totals check	
Authority Composition	total					ı	17	
Committee	seats	decimal	seats	decimal	seats	spare seats		
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
Totals	41	33.7647	34	4.8235	5	2	40.5882 40.5882	41

#Also has 3 Independent Members

<sup>\*</sup>Should not be Members of Human Resources Committee

#### **APPENDIX 2**

# TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

#### **COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2021/2022**

## (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.)
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Councillor Burdis
Councillor Dodds
Councillor Flynn
Councillor Keegan
Councillor Bell
Councillor Ord
(Lab.)
(Lab.)
(Lab.)

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

Councillor Forbes	(Lab.)
Councillor Dodds	(Lab.)
Councillor Johnson	(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour	(Lab.)
Councillor Samuels	(Lab.)
Councillor Woodwark	(Lib. Dem.)

Chair – Councillor Forbes Vice Chair – Councillor Dodds

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

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Councillor Flynn (Lab.)	
Councillor Haley (Lab.)	
Councillor Taylor (Lab.)	
Councillor Hunter (Lab.)	
Councillor Warne (Lab.)	
Councillor Bell (Lab.)	
Councillor Woodwark (Lib. De	em.)

Chair – Councillor Haley

Vice-Chair – Councillor Hunter

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

Councillor Taylor
Councillor Forbes
(Lab.)
Councillor Haley
(Lab.)
Councillor Samuels
(Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour
(Lab.)
Councillor Hunter
(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 Forbes (Lab.)
Councillor Kilgour (Lab.)
Councillor Keegan (Lab.)
Councillor Samuels (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 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

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 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 Hunter

#### (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

#### **APPENDIX 3**

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Independent Member	(Ms. G. Goodwill)
Councillor	(Lab.)
Councillor	(Lib. Dem.)

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

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

Chair – Councillor Vice Chair – Councillor

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

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

Chair – Councillor Vice-Chair – Councillor

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

	Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lib. Dem.)	
	Chair – Councillor Vice-Chair – Councillor		
(v)	<b>Disciplinary Appeals Committee</b> (5 se	eats – balance 4:0:1)	
	Chair of the Authority Vice-Chair of the Authority Chair of Human Resources Committee Labour Member Conservative Member (ungrouped)	(Councillor (Councillor (Councillor (Councillor (Councillor	) ) ) )
	Chair – Councillor Vice Chair – Councillor		
(vi)	Personnel Appeals Committee (6 sear (N.B. Should not be Members of Human	•	
	Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor	(Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Lab.) (Cons.) (ungrouped)	
	Chair – Councillor Vice Chair – Councillor		
(vii)	Emergency Committee (3 seats – bala	nce 2:1:0)	
	Chair of the Authority Vice-Chair Liberal Democrat Member	(Councillor (Councillor (Councillor	)
	Chair – Councillor Vice Chair – Councillor		

#### (ix) Pension Board of Tyne and Wear Fire Authority

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#### (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



#### TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No. 6

**MEETING: 8 JULY 2022** 

SUBJECT: DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE (CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY), THE DEPUTY CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY, THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AND THE PERSONNEL ADVISOR TO THE AUTHORITY

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the undermentioned dates for meetings of the Authority and its Committees for the Year 2022/2023. Such meetings will normally be held on a Wednesday (with the exception of the Governance Committee) at 10:30am at Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Barmston Mere (unless annotated).

#### 2 PROPOSED MEETING DATES

2.1 The proposed schedule of meetings is as follows:-

# **FIRE AUTHORITY MEETINGS**

# **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

27 July 2022

14 September 2022

12 October 2022\*

16 November 2022

14 December 2022

18 January 2023

15 February 2023

15 March 2023

26 April 2023\*\*

28 June 2023 (Annual Meeting)

29 July 2022 (Friday) 31 October 2022\*\*

28 November 2022

6 March 2023

31 May 2023 (Wednesday)

<sup>\*</sup>The annual cycle of meetings will include a dedicated Strategic Planning meeting that will take place each October.

<sup>\*\*</sup> These meetings are scheduled into the cycle as a precaution to allow necessary business to be conducted should they be required. They can be cancelled if not required.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

# POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

20 July 2022 05 October 2022 08 February 2023 13 July 2022 07 September 2022 09 November 2022 22 February 2023 17 May 2023

Members should note additional Policy and Performance Committee meetings have been proposed to better align to the quarterly reporting cycle and allow timely reporting to the committee.

Member Training Sessions 2022-23 Authority Meeting	Topic
July 2022	New Members Induction
September 2022	Governance Reform and Review
October 2022	Strategic Planning Session
December 2022	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
February 2023	Risk and Risk Management
March 2023	Finance and Budgets

#### 3 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

# 3.1 The Authority is recommended to:

Approve the dates for all future Fire Authority and Committee Meetings and note the dates of the Members training sessions.