

TO: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

FROM: Democratic Services Manager

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APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of Members of the Fire Authority to Committees and Outside Organisations

2. Recommendations

- (i) That the membership of Committees of the Fire Authority be approved as set out in Appendix 1 (to be tabled)
- (ii) That the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Authority be appointed to the East of England Regional Management Board and that Councillor Oliver be appointed as substitute member.
- (iii) That the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Leader of the Opposition Group on the Fire Authority be appointed as the Authority's representatives to the Local Government Association and that the Chairman be authorised to exercise the Authority's vote at Assembly meetings.
- (iv) That the Chairman be appointed as the Authority's representative on the Cambridgeshire Local Area Agreement Board (Cambridgeshire Together).
- (v) That Councillor Oliver be appointed as the Authority's representative on the South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 Political – Failure to properly constitute the Authority's committees could result in delays in decisions and possible challenge of those decisions.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Authority established a revised Committee structure and meeting arrangements in 2005. A number of amendments have been made to those arrangements to fine tune them and to address issues which have been encountered in their operation.
- 4.2 Seats on the Authority's Committees are allocated on the basis of political proportionality. The leaders of political groups represented on the Authority have been consulted and their nominations are reflected in the schedule of appointments (to be tabled).
- 4.3 The Authority is entitled to appoint up to 4 representatives to the Local Government Association and any of these members may attend meetings of the LGA Fire Services Forum. One of these members must be mandated to exercise the Authority's vote at the LGA General Assembly. The Authority is asked to approve these appointments.
- 4.4 Members are asked to note that the political groups represented on the LGA may also appoint Fire Authority members to sit on the LGA's Fire Services Management Committee and Councillor McGuire sits on that Committee on this basis (i.e. not as a representative of this Fire Authority).
- 4.5 The Fire Authority is represented on the Cambridgeshire Local Area Agreement Board (called Cambridgeshire Together).
- 4.6 The Fire Authority has previously agreed that Councillor Oliver be appointed as the Fire Authority's representative on the South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Documents	Location	Contact
Standing Orders as to Meetings	Hinchingbrooke Cottage Brampton Road Huntingdon	Michael Brown 01480 444572 michael.brown@cambsfire.gov.uk