

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

The Fire Authority is constituted in accordance with The Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument No 435).

The Fire Authority consists of 30 Members.

◆ Bournemouth Borough Council	4 Members
◆ Dorset County Council	8 Members
◆ Borough of Poole	3 Members
◆ Swindon Borough Council	5 Members
◆ Wiltshire Council	10 Members

Meetings will normally be held in June (annual meeting after the annual meetings of the constituent councils), September, December, January and March and will be convened by the Monitoring Officer to the Fire Authority.

The Fire Authority has delegated a number of its functions to committees and to senior officers, but the following have not been delegated:

- (i) Approval of the annual community safety plan (including the Integrated Risk Management Plan).
- (ii) Approval of the annual budget and agreement as to the precept to give effect to the budget.
- (iii) Maintaining a comprehensive performance management system to ensure that the authority's objectives are being met.
- (iv) Treasury management strategy and policies.
- (v) Approve and adopt a scheme of standing orders

The Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority has appointed three chief officers (Chief Fire Officer, Monitoring officer and Treasurer). Specific delegations have also been given by the Fire Authority to each of these officers.

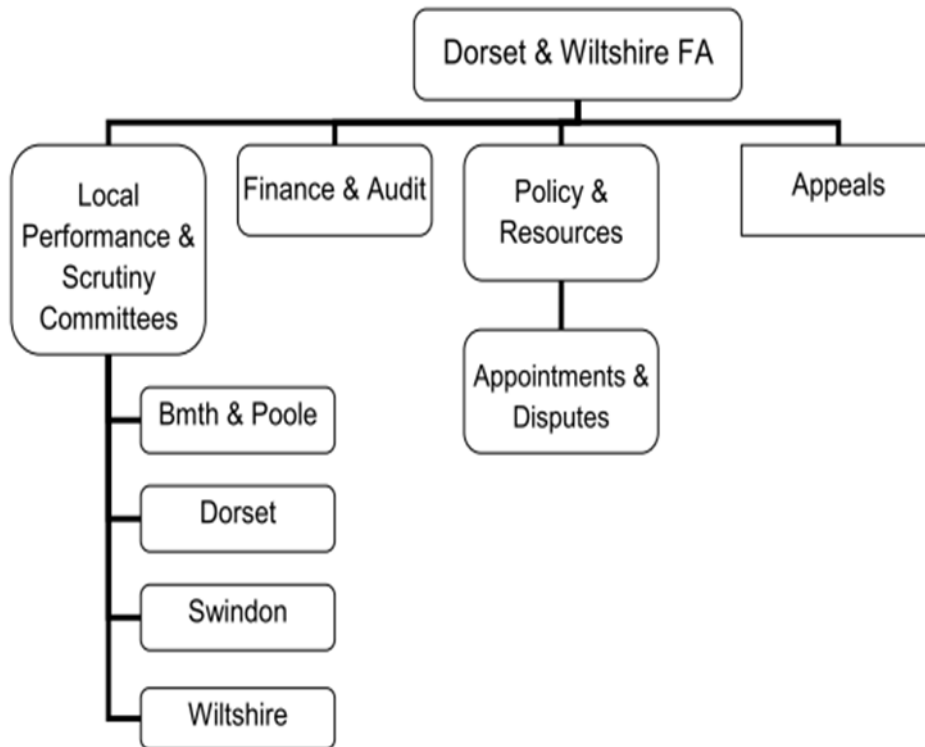
The Authority is required to comply with a range of statutory requirements and frameworks including:

- ◆ Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004
- ◆ Fire and Rescue National Framework for England
- ◆ The Fire and Rescue Services (Emergencies) (England) Order 2007)
- ◆ Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- ◆ The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
- ◆ The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- ◆ The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

To support public assurance, the Service presents to the Authority a Statement of assurance and an Annual Governance Statement. This provides for a comprehensive review of performance and compliance against these and other requirements.

The Fire Authority has agreed to establish five main committees:

- ◆ Policy and Resources Committee
- ◆ Local Performance and Scrutiny Committees (x4)
- ◆ Finance and Audit Committee
- ◆ Appointments and Disputes Committee
- ◆ Appeals Committee



The Terms of Reference for each committee are outlined below.

Further information is available through the Head of Democratic Services.