

# Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

## Terms of Reference: 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. 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 Authority will also make key decisions which are defined as.....except in cases of urgency when a decision may be made by the Policy and Resources Committee.***

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

The Fire Authority has agreed to establish five main committees:

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