



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 17/30

MEETING	Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority
DATE OF MEETING	27 June 2017
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Appointments to Committees 2017/18
STATUS OF REPORT	Open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For decision
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	To appoint Members to serve on committees of the Fire and Rescue Authority and other bodies and to appoint lead Members for the year 2017/18.
RISK ASSESSMENT	None
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	The appointments identified in this report do not give rise to any new budget implications.
RECOMMENDATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To appoint Members to serve on committees, boards, groups and other bodies for 2017/18 and any named substitutes, in accordance with the nominations submitted by the leaders of political groups. 2. To elect the Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Finance, Governance and Audit Committee; and the Appointments and Disputes Committee. 3. To note the selection of the group leaders. 4. To appoint Member Champions for the year 2017/18. 5. To appoint Members to serve on the various bodies as set out in paragraph 6 of this report.

	6 That delegated authority be granted to the Chairman, after consultation with group leaders, to appoint members to serve on outside bodies not identified in this report or where vacancies arise.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None
APPENDICES	None
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1. Introduction

1.1 The Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2015 sets out the entitlement of the five constituent councils – Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council, the Borough of Poole, Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council - to places on the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (DWFRA).

1.2 The constituent councils have made the following appointments to DWFRA:

Bournemouth Borough Council (four places):

Mark Anderson	Beverley Dunlop
Malcolm Davies	Christopher Rochester

Dorset County Council (eight places):

Richard Biggs	Colin Jamieson
Kevin Brooks	Susan Jefferies
Steve Butler	Rebecca Knox
Spencer Flower	Byron Quayle

Poole Borough Council (three places):

Les Burden	Ann Stribley
Vicky Slade	

Swindon Borough Council (five places):

Steve Allsopp	Nick Martin
Abdul Amin	Garry Perkins
Colin Lovell	

Wiltshire Council (ten places):

Ernie Clark	Bob Jones
Brian Dalton	Christopher Newbury
Andrew Davis	Paul Oatway
Matthew Dean	Pip Ridout
Peter Hutton	Robert Yuill

1.3 Eleven Members who are completely new to the Fire and Rescue Authority have been appointed by the constituent councils. This is a large proportion of the overall membership and represents significant change. An induction into the work of the Authority and the Service has been arranged and will take place on 23 June. Further induction will be provided on an ongoing basis.

2. Representation on the Authority

- 2.1 The rules on political proportionality under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply to committees of the Authority. If the political affiliations of Members of the constituent councils appointed to DWFRA were to be replicated in group membership within DWFRA then the group memberships and percentage entitlement to places on Committees would be as follows:
- Conservative – 22 (73.3%)
 - Liberal Democrat – 5 (16.6%)
 - Labour – 2 (6.6%)
- Total = 29 – there is in addition one independent Member.
- 2.2 The Fire and Rescue Authority has established the following committees:
- Policy and Resources Committee – membership of 12
 - Finance, Governance and Audit Committee – membership of 12
 - Appeals Committee – membership of 10
 - Four Local Performance and Scrutiny Committees (LPSC) comprising local Members appointed to DWFRA by the constituent council(s) for that area.
 - Bournemouth and Poole LPSC (7 Members)
 - Dorset LPSC (8 Members)
 - Swindon LPSC (5 Members)
 - Wiltshire LPSC (10 Members)
 - Appointments and Disputes Committee – a panel of 5 Members drawn from all Members of the Authority as and when the Committee needs to meet.
- 2.3 The Policy and Resources Committee, Finance, Governance and Audit Committee and the Appeals Committee are appointed to in accordance with political proportionality. Local Performance Committee places would be filled by DWFRA Members drawn from the area of the relevant constituent council or councils and the Appointment and Disputes Committee would be appointed to by group leaders when the need arises.
- 2.4 The entitlements to places on committees of the Authority for 2017/18 is as follows:

	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
Policy and Resources Committee (12)	9 places	2 places	1 place	0
Finance, Governance and Audit Committee (12)	9 places	2 places	0	1 place
Appeals Committee (10)	7 places	2 places	1 place	0
Local Pensions Board (4)	3 places	1 place	0	0

3. Selection of Political Group Leaders

3.1 I have been notified of the following:

- Conservative group leader – TBC
- Liberal Democrat group leader – TBC
- Labour group leader – TBC

4. Member Champions

4.1 Members are asked to consider the appointment of Member champions for the year 2017/18.

4.2 I have carried forward from the previous authority a list of Member champion roles and the previously appointed Member where they are a continuing Member of the Authority.

4.3 Members are invited to review the list of Member champion roles, with a particular focus upon those areas where there are now vacancies.

Champion Role	Member Champion
Health and Safety	Previously Bob Jones
Children and Young People	Previously Susan Jefferies
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	Previously Rebecca Knox
Prevention and Health Partnerships	Previously Colin Jamieson and Rebecca Knox
Response	Vacancy

Asset Management & Climate Change	Vacancy
Retained Duty System	Previously Colin Jamieson – partial vacancy as previously 3 Members
Protection	Previously Rebecca Knox
Governance	Previously Spencer Flower – partial vacancy as previously 2 Members

5. **Appointments to Various Bodies**

5.1 Members are asked to consider the appointment of Members to serve on the following bodies for the year 2017/18:

- Local Government Association – General Assembly (3 places) – previously Rebecca Knox, Garry Perkins and Bob Jones
- LGA Fire Commission – previously Rebecca Knox with Garry Perkins as deputy
- Bournemouth Community Partnership Board (1 place) – previously Malcom Davies
- Safer Poole (1 place) – previously Les Burden
- Dorset Community Safety Partnership (1 place) – previously Rebecca Knox
- Swindon Community Safety Partnership (1 place) – previously Garry Perkins
- Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership (1 place) – previously Chris Devine - vacancy
- South West Councils – previously Rebecca Knox
- South West Councils Employers' Panel (1 place) – previously Garry Perkins
- Wiltshire Assembly (1 place) – John Knight - vacancy

6. **Summary and Key Points**

7. The Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) order 2015 sets out the proportions in which the constituent councils are each entitled to appoint councillors to serve as members of DWFRA. DWFRA must then appoint councillors to serve on its committees, to a range of other positions and to outside bodies. Some but not all appointments are made in accordance with "political proportionality".

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