



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 19/22

MEETING	Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority
DATE OF MEETING	6 June 2019
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority Appointments 2019-20
STATUS OF REPORT	Open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For Decision
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2015 sets out the entitlement of the four constituent councils to places on the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority). Recent changes to the number and composition of constituent councils following local government reorganisation in Dorset are reflected in this report.</p> <p>This report provides confirmation of the 18 appointed Members and details of the committees, boards, groups and other bodies requiring appointments during 2019-20.</p> <p>Prior to the Authority meeting, Group Leaders have been asked to confirm nominations for these appointments to the Head of Strategic Planning & Corporate Assurance. A full list will be provided at the meeting for Member endorsement and approval.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	Failure to appoint Members to the identified committees, groups, boards and other bodies will negatively impact upon the governance and decision-making arrangements of the Authority and Service.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	There are no new budget implications arising from the appointments in the report.
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Members to serve on the Finance & Governance committee for 2019-20 2. Elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance & Governance committee 3. Appoint Members to all boards, groups and other bodies for 2019-20, and any named substitutes detailed within Table 2. 4. Appoint a Member Champion to each of the Authority's five priorities for the year 2019-20. 5. Note the Member Buddy arrangements for 2019-20
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None for the purposes of this report
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 constituent councils to places on the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority).
- 1.2 Membership of the Authority was varied (with effect from 6 June 2018) by the Fire and Rescue Authority (Membership) Order 2017 (Statutory Instrument 1165), where membership was reduced to 18 Authority Members.
- 1.3 Local government reorganisation in Dorset ([through the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole \(Structural Changes Order 2018\)](#)) has resulted in the abolition of Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council and the Borough of Poole and the creation of two new councils as constituent councils of the Authority:
 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
 - Dorset Council
- 1.4 As a result of these changes the arrangements for the constituent councils to appoint to the Authority are detailed below. During their Annual General Meetings, the four constituent councils have made the following appointments to the Authority:

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (five places):

Cllr Steve Baron

Cllr Malcolm Davies

Cllr Paul Hilliard

Cllr Toby Johnson

Cllr Ann Stribley

Dorset Council (four places):

Cllr Peter Barrow

Cllr Richard Biggs

Cllr Rebecca Knox

Cllr Byron Quayle

Swindon Borough Council (three places):

Cllr Abdul Amin

Cllr Brian Mattock

Cllr Gary Perkins

Wiltshire Council (six places):

Cllr Ernie Clark

Cllr Peter Hutton

Cllr Bob Jones

Cllr Christopher Newbury

Cllr Paul Oatway

Cllr Pip Ridout

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 the Authority were to be replicated in group membership within the Authority, then the group memberships and percentage entitlement to places on committees would be as follows:

- Conservative – 56%
- Liberal Democrat – 22%

Total = 14 – there is in addition one Labour Member and three Independent Members.

- 2.2 The Authority has established the committees and membership requirements, detailed in Table 1 below:

Committee	Membership No.	Appointments
Finance & Governance	8	Appointed in accordance with political proportionality of the Authority.

Table 1

Committee	Membership No.	Appointments
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Performance Scrutiny	5	All local Members appointed to the Authority by the constituent council
Dorset Local Performance Scrutiny	4	All local Members appointed to the Authority by the constituent council
Swindon Local Performance Scrutiny	3	All local Members appointed to the Authority by the constituent council
Wiltshire Local Performance Scrutiny	6	All local Members appointed to the Authority by the constituent council
Appointments & Disputes	5	Drawn from all Members of the Authority when required (appointed in accordance with political proportion)
Appeals Committee	5	Drawn from all Members of the Authority when required (appointed in accordance with political proportion)

Table 1 (continued)

2.3 The only standing committee to which political proportionality applies is the Finance & Governance committee and the entitlement to places are:

- 5 Conservatives
- 2 Liberal Democrats
- 1 Independent/Labour

2.4 The rules of political proportionality apply to both the Appeals and the Appointment & Disputes committees but as these are not standing committees. Members will be appointed as required.

3. Political Group Leaders

3.1 Changes to Group Leaders will be confirmed at the meeting.

4. The Authority Committee Memberships

4.1 As is protocol, the Group Leaders have been asked to agree nominations with Members for the Finance & Governance committee.

4.2 These nominations will be provided for approval at the meeting.

5. Finance & Governance Committee Chair and Vice Chair

5.1 Following appointment of members to the Finance & Governance committee the Authority will appoint the committee Chair and Vice Chair during the meeting.

6. Appointments to Committees, Groups and Additional Bodies

6.1 Members are asked to consider and appoint Members to serve on the committees, groups and additional bodies, as detailed in Table 2, for the year 2019-20.

6.2 Group Leaders have been asked to agree nominations with Members for confirmation and approval during the meeting.

Other related groups and committees	
Local Pensions Board	2 Members, 2 Member Substitutes and 2 Officers
Local Government Association (LGA)	3 Members
LGA Fire Commission	2 Members and 1 deputy
South West Councils	1 Member
South West Councils Employers' Panel	1 Member
Wiltshire Assembly	1 Member and CFO
Wiltshire Public Service Board	1 Member and CFO

Table 2

Appointment to constituent authority Community Safety Partnerships	
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	1 Member
Dorset	1 Member
Swindon	1 Member
Wiltshire	1 Member
Appointment to Community Safety & Criminal Justice Board	
Dorset	1 Member

Table 2 (continued)

7. Member Champions

7.1 Any Member of the Authority may be a Member Champion, who, in addition to their other responsibilities, will act as an advocate or spokesperson for one of the Authority's key priorities:

- Help you to make safer and healthier choices
- Protect you and the environment from harm
- Be there when you need us
- Make every penny count
- Supporting and developing our people

7.2 Members are asked to consider and appoint a Member Champion to each of the Service's priorities for the year 2019-20.

7.3 Group Leaders have been asked to provide nominations prior to the meeting for Member endorsement and approval.

8. Member Buddy Scheme

8.1 During the Authority meeting on the 9 February 2018, Members confirmed their continued support to the Member Buddy scheme which provides engagement opportunities for Members and Service personnel and supports the governance framework.

8.2 Internally the Service is divided into 15 communities, noted below, with a Station Manager assigned to each sector.

1. East Bournemouth & Christchurch
2. East Dorset

3. East Swindon
4. East Wiltshire
5. North Dorset
6. North East Wiltshire and West Swindon
7. North West Wiltshire
8. Poole
9. South Dorset
10. South West Wiltshire
11. South East Wiltshire
12. West Bournemouth
13. West Dorset
14. West Wiltshire
15. Weymouth & Portland

- 8.3 A Member Buddy will be appointed to each community and provided with details of a Station Manager as their key point of contact.
- 8.4 The Authority Chair, Vice Chair and the Chair of the Finance & Governance Committee will not be assigned workplaces or stations as part of the programme. However, they may attend any Service location as part of a workplace visit.
- 8.5 Following the meeting on 6 June 2019, Members will be aligned to a community that will include a collection of stations and/or workplaces. Where possible, these will be aligned to their ward or neighbouring wards.
- 8.6 Full details of all appointments will be emailed to Members following the meeting.

9. Summary and Key Points

- 9.1 The Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2015, as since varied, sets out the proportions in which the constituent councils are each entitled to appoint councillors to serve as Members of the Authority.
- 9.2 The Authority must then appoint Members 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.
- 9.3 Members are asked to confirm the appointments to the committees, boards, groups and other bodies detailed within this paper.

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