



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

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| MEETING                     | Fire and Rescue Authority  |
| DATE OF MEETING             | 1 April 2016   |
| SUBJECT OF THE REPORT       | Appointments to Committees 2016/17   |
| 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 2016/17.  |
| RISK ASSESSMENT             | None   |
| COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT | None   |
| BUDGET IMPLICATIONS         | A scheme of members' allowances was agreed at the Shadow Authority meeting on 12 February 2016. The appointments identified in this report do not give rise to any new budget implications.  |
| RECOMMENDATIONS             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To appoint members to serve on committees, boards, groups and other bodies for 2016/17 and any named substitutes, in accordance with the nominations submitted by the leaders of political groups.</li> <li>2. To elect the chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee.</li> <li>3. To agree the establishment of the Local Pension Board for DWFR and to appoint 4 elected member representatives to the Board.</li> <li>4. To note the selection of the group leaders.</li> <li>5. To appoint members champions for the year 2016/17.</li> <li>6. To appoint members to serve on the various bodies as set out in paragraph 6 of this report.</li> </ol> |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS                | None  |
| APPENDICES                       | None  |
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Dorset and 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 and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (DWFRA).
- 1.2 The constituent councils have made the following appointments to DWFRA:

Bournemouth Borough Council:

Mark Anderson  
Malcolm Davies  
Beverley Dunlop  
Christopher Rochester

Dorset County Council:

Mike Byatt  
Ronald Coatsworth  
Spencer Flower  
Colin Jamieson  
Susan Jefferies  
Trevor Jones  
Rebecca Knox  
John Wilson

Poole Borough Council:

Les Burden  
Phil Eades  
Ann Stribley

Swindon Borough Council:

Abdul Amin  
John Haines  
Colin Lovell  
Garry Perkins  
Joe Tray

Wiltshire Council:

Ernie Clark  
Chris Devine  
Peter Edge  
Mollie Groom  
Bob Jones

John Knight  
Christopher Newbury  
Graham Payne  
Ricky Rogers  
Bridget Wayman

## 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 groups formed on DWFRA then the group memberships and percentage entitlement to places on Committees would be as follows:

Conservative – 20 (66.6%)    Liberal Democrat – 5(16.6%)    Labour – 4 (13.3%)

Total = 29 – there is in addition one independent member.

2.2 As at the time of preparing this report a Conservative group and a Liberal Democrat group had been formed but no Labour group. This means that unless a Labour group is formed in time for the DWFRA meeting on 1 April 5 members of DWFRA are likely to be ungrouped and members will have to decide how places on committees are to be allocated so as to best reflect the overall composition of the Authority.

2.3 At its meeting on 23 October the Shadow Authority agreed the governance arrangements for the new authority and agreed to establish the following committees:

- Policy and Resources Committee – membership of 12
- Finance and Audit Committee – membership of 12
- Appeals Committee – membership of 10
- Local Performance and Scrutiny Committees comprising local 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.

2.4 Under the arrangements that were agreed on 23 October the Policy and Resources Committee, Finance and Audit Committee and the Appeals Committee would be 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.

2.5 The entitlements to places on committees of the Authority for 2016/17 (depending upon the formation of a Labour Group) is as follows:

|                                     | Conservative | Liberal Democrat | Labour   |
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| Policy and Resources Committee (12) | 8 places     | 2 places         | 2 places |
| Finance and Audit Committee (12)    | 8 places     | 2 places         | 2 places |
| Appeals Committee (10)              | 7 places     | 2 places         | 1 place  |

2.6 If five members remain ungrouped then the Authority will need to decide how best to allocate what would otherwise be Labour places on the three main committees.

2.7 There is to be a delay before the first meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee. During this time officers will need to begin working with the committee chairmen and so the Authority is asked to appoint the two chairmen now rather than wait until the first meetings at which the committees would otherwise elect their own chairmen.

### 3. Local Pension Board

3.1 Under the new Firefighters' Pension Scheme Regulations 2015, the Authority is required to have a Local Pension Board in respect of the Firefighters Pension Scheme. The role of the Board is to help ensure the Firefighters Pension Scheme complies with governance and administration requirements, as well as any other duties the Authority may so wish the board to have.

3.2 At its meeting on 23 October 2015 the Shadow Authority deferred to this meeting consideration of the arrangements to establish a Local Pension Board. In the meantime Workstream 1 has supported the establishment of a Local Pension Board comprising 4 elected member representatives and 4 employee/pensioner representatives, a total of 8.

3.3 Members are now asked to agree the establishment of the Local Pension Board for DWFRA and to appoint 4 elected member representatives to the Board.

### 4. Selection of Political Group Leaders

4.1 I have been notified of the following:

- Conservative group leader – Cllr Rebecca Knox
- Liberal Democrat group leader – Cllr Peter Edge

### 5. Member Champions

5.1 Members are asked to consider the appointment of member champions for the year 2016/17.

5.2 Officers have carried forward from the previous fire authorities a consolidated list of member champion roles, suggesting in each instance whether the role is thought to be “essential”, “desirable” or merely “optional”:

- Health and Safety - Essential
- Children and Young People - Essential
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - Essential
- Prevention and Health Partnerships - Essential
- Response - Desirable
- Asset Management - Desirable
- Retained Duty System - Desirable
- Protection - Optional
- Governance - Optional

## 6. Appointments to Various Bodies

6.1 Members are asked to consider the appointment of members to serve on the following bodies for the year 2016/17:

- Local Government Association – General Assembly (3 places)
- LGA Fire Commission – usually an Authority’s Chairman
- Bournemouth Community Partnership Board (1 place)
- Safer Poole (1 place)
- Dorset Community Safety Partnership (1 place)
- South West Councils – usually an Authority’s Chairman/Leader
- South West Councils Employers’ Panel (1 place)
- Wiltshire Assembly (1 place)
- Wiltshire Public Service Board (1 place)

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