



DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

To: Members of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Membership

Cllr Clare Weight (Chair)	Cllr Paul Oatway (Vice Chair)	Cllr Boaz Barry
Cllr Laura Beddow	Cllr Richard Biggs	Cllr Matt Bragg
Cllr Olivia Brown	Cllr Matthew Courtliff	Cllr Brian Dalton
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Michelle Dower	Cllr Paul Hilliard
Cllr Peter Miles	Cllr Mike Parkes	Cllr Paul Sample
Cllr Gordon Slade	Cllr Kevin Small	Cllr Duncan Sowry-House

Dear Member

You are asked to attend the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority Meeting to be held at Service Headquarters, Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NR, on **Tuesday 29 September 2026** at 10.00am.

Please note that refreshments will be available.

If you require any further information please contact the Democratic Services team on 01722 691079 or by email at democratic.services@dwfire.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Vikki Shearing

Director of Corporate Services and Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority

Note:

The reports within this agenda will be available to view on the Service's website on the day of agenda despatch.

AGENDA

Meeting of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Tuesday 29 September 2026 from 10.00am

**Service Headquarters, Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre,
Hulse Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NR**

Purpose

The main purpose of the Authority is to oversee the policy and service delivery of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Authority consists of elected members from each of the four constituent authorities and collectively they ensure we support communities, local partners and comply with a range of statutory requirements and frameworks.

The Authority is the statutory body constituted in accordance with The Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument No 435). The membership of the Authority was varied (with effect from 6 June 2018) by the Fire and Rescue Authority (Membership) Order 2017 (Statutory Instrument 1165).

Public questions

If you wish to put a question to the Members of the Authority, **it should be no more than 450 words, consist of no more than two questions in total, and be submitted at least three full working days before the meeting.** The Chair of the meeting to which a question is submitted, in consultation with the Clerk to the Authority will determine the most appropriate meeting for addressing the question, ensuring alignment with the terms of reference and delegations. The Chair of the meeting will then provide the response. All questions/statements and the responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting. Please use the following link to access the [on-line public question form](#).

Privacy Notice

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Key

CFO	Andy Cole	Chief Fire Officer
RM	Ryan Maslen	Assistant Chief Officer – Director of Finance and Treasurer
VS	Vikki Shearing	Assistant Chief Officer – Director of Corporate Services and Clerk to the Authority
DL	Darren Langdown	Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Director of Response
DW	David Waters	Assistant Chief Fire Officer – Director of Safety and Compliance
JL	Jenny Long	Assistant Chief Officer – Director of People Services
JM	Jill McCrae	Assistant Chief Officer – Director of Service Support
SLT	Strategic Leadership Team (comprised of the above Officers)	

PART I

Items to be considered whilst the meeting is open to the public

		Lead
26/37	Welcome	Chair
26/38	Apologies	Chair
26/39	Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests	Chair
	<i>Members are reminded of the need to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and with the Code of Conduct regarding disclosable pecuniary, other registerable, or non-registerable interests. This means that you must:</i> <i>• check if there is any item of business on this agenda in which you or another relevant person has a disclosable pecuniary, other registerable, or non-registerable interest</i> <i>• check that any such interests have been notified to the Clerk (in writing), who shall consult on the matter with the Monitoring Officer, and entered in the register of Members interests (if not then a form must be completed within 28 days, which can be obtained from Democratic Services)</i> <i>• disclose the interest at the meeting and in the absence of a dispensation to speak and/or vote, withdraw from any consideration of the item.</i>	
26/40	Review minutes of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority meeting on 30 June 2026 and any matters arising	Chair
26/41	Receive the Finance and Audit Committee minutes from the 22 July 2026 meeting and a verbal update from the 09 September 2026 meeting	F&A Chair
26/42	Public questions (please use the on-line public question form to submit your questions)	Chair
26/43	Annual Report and Annual Workforce Equality Report 2025-26	CFO
26/44	Statement of Assurance 2025-26 and Modern Slavery Statement	JM
26/45	Proposed Changes to the Members' Handbook and Seminar	VS

Programme 2026/27

26/46 Date of next meeting

Chair

The next meeting of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority will take place on 08 December 2026 at 10.00am.