

HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE 2023

PRESENT:

Members

Representing East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

Councillors Astell, Casson, Gill, Healing, Meredith, Nolan and Sutton

Representing Hull City Council:

Councillors Henry, Matthews, Neal, North, Petrini and Woods

Representing North East Lincolnshire Council:

Councillors Lindley, Patrick and Shepherd

Representing North Lincolnshire Council:

Councillors Briggs, Grant, Sherwood and Waltham MBE

Officers of Humberside Fire & Rescue Service

Phil Shillito - Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive, Matthew Sutcliffe - Assistant Chief Fire Officer & Executive Director of Corporate Services, Niall McKiniry - Deputy Chief Fire Officer & Executive Director of Service Delivery, Christine Cooper - Executive Director of People and Development, Kevin Wilson - Executive Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer, Jon Henderson - Area Manager Prevention, Protection, Fleet and Estates, Jason Kirby - Area Manager of Emergency Response, Steve Duffield - Area Manager of Service Improvement, Lisa Nicholson - Monitoring Officer/Secretary and Alison Finn - Committee Manager.

The meeting was held at Service Headquarters, Hessle.

The Monitoring Officer/Secretary took the chair for Minute 47/23

47/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON – Resolved - That Councillor Briggs be elected Chairperson of Humberside Fire Authority for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Councillor Briggs took over the Chair.

48/23 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON – Resolved - That Councillor Neal be elected Vice-Chairperson of Humberside Fire Authority for the 2023/24 municipal year.

49/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies for absence were submitted from Jonathan Evison (Police and Crime Commissioner) and Councillors Dennis and Swinburn.

50/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest.

49/23 MINUTES - Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 28 April 2023 be approved as a correct record.

50/23 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS - there were no questions by Members.

51/23 COMMUNICATIONS – the Chief Fire Officer advised Members that His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) were shining a spotlight on culture across all Fire and Rescue Services. Humberside Fire and Rescue had reported that the Service was fully compliant with all the national recommendations HMICFRS had made and reports would be regularly presented to the Authority on the matter.

52/23 COMPOSITION OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY - Resolved - That the membership of the Fire Authority for the municipal year 2023/24 be approved as follows:

1. East Riding of Yorkshire Council (8)

Councillor Peter Astell
Councillor Kevin Casson
Councillor John Dennis
Councillor Coleen Gill
Councillor Lyn Healing
Councillor Richard Meredith
Councillor David Nolan
Councillor Margot Sutton

2. Hull City Council (6)

Councillor Tracey Henry
Councillor Deborah Matthews
Councillor Tracey Neal
Councillor Peter North
Councillor Petrini
Councillor David Woods

3. North East Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor Ian Lindley
Councillor Matt Patrick
Councillor Ron Shepherd
Councillor Stewart Swinburn

4. North Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor John Briggs
Councillor Mick Grant
Councillor Nigel Sherwood
Councillor Rob Waltham MBE

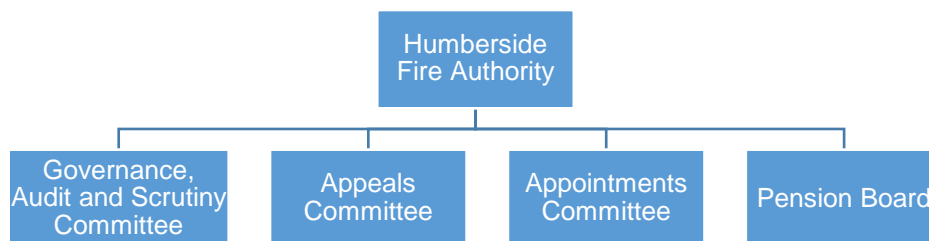
5. Police and Crime Commissioner (1)

Jonathan Evison

Resolved - That the membership of the Fire Authority for the municipal year 2023/24 be approved.

53/23 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF PANEL/GROUP MEMBERS AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS – The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report that proposed the committee structure and composition of the Authority for 2023/24 and the appointment of Panel/Group Members and Member Champions for 2023/24.

Resolved - (a) That the Authority approves the Committee structure as follows;



(b) that the size of the Appointments Committee be approved as follows;

Option 2

Option 2 was to revert back to reducing the size of the Appointments Committee to just seven seats, which prior to 2019/20 was the status quo. Based on political composition of the Authority the allocation of seats as between the respective political groups was agreed.

Appointments Committee	
Political Group	Number of Seats
Conservative	3
Labour	2
Liberal Democrats	2
Total	7

(c) that the Group Secretaries inform the Monitoring Officer/Secretary of the appointment of Members to the Appointments committee;

(d) that the size of the Appeals Committee be approved as follows -

Appeals Committee	
Political Group	Number of Seats
Conservative	2
Labour	1
Liberal Democrats	1
Total	4

(e) that the Group Secretaries inform the Monitoring Officer/Secretary of the appointment of Members to the Appeals committee (including named substitutes);

(f) that Councillor Shepherd be appointed as the Elected Member to serve on the Pension Board for 2023/24;

(g) that Councillor Waltham be appointed as the Elected Member to serve on the Equality and Inclusion Group for 2023/24;

(h) that the membership of the Fire, Death and Injury Panel (now known as the Serious Incident Review Panel) be approved as follows;

Group/Panel	Member Representative
Serious Incident Review Panel <i>(one representative from each Authority area)</i>	Councillor Nolan (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)
	Councillor Neal (Hull City Council)
	Councillor Swinburn (North East Lincolnshire Council)
	Councillor Sherwood (North Lincolnshire Council)

and

(i) that Group Secretaries inform the Monitoring Officer/Secretary of the appointment of Members to the role of Member Champions as soon as possible after the Annual General meeting.

54/23 APPOINTMENT OF GROUP SECRETARIES - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report that set out that each political group represented on the Fire Authority should appoint a Group Secretary and

notify the Monitoring Officer/Secretary of such appointment at the Annual General Meeting of the Fire Authority or as soon as possible thereafter.

Resolved - That the Group Secretaries as detailed below be appointed for 2023/24:

Political Group	Group Secretary
Conservative	Councillor Meredith
Independent	Councillor Gill
Labour	Councillor Matthews
Liberal Democrats	Councillor Nolan

55/23 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON CERTAIN BODIES - Resolved - That the following appointments for 2023/24 be approved:

Body	Representative(s)
The Local Government Association Fire Commission	Councillor Briggs [Substitute: Councillor Neal]
Yorkshire and Humber (Local Authorities) Employers' Association - Employers' Committee	Councillor Briggs [Substitute: Councillor Neal]

56/23 APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED SPOKESPERSON FOR EACH CONSITUENT AUTHORITY – Resolved - That the following nominated spokespersons for each Constituent Authority for 2023/24 be approved:

Constituent Authority	Nominated Spokesperson
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Councillor Dennis
Hull City Council	Councillor Neal
North East Lincolnshire Council	Councillor Swinburn
North Lincolnshire Council	Councillor Sherwood

57/23 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS - Resolved -That the calendar of meetings for 2023/24, as set out in the report, be approved with consideration given to changing the April 2024 meeting due to its proximity to Local Authority elections.

58/23 HFA WORKSTREAMS 2023/24 - Resolved - That the 2023/24 workstreams of the Authority, as set out in the report, be received.

59/23 REAFFIRMATION OF THE CONSTITUTION - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report detailing amendments to the Constitution.

Since the last iteration of the Constitution a few minor amendments were required to correct typographical errors and update terminology. The minor amendments and reason for them were set out at Appendix 1 of the report for Members' consideration.

Resolved - that the Authority approve the changes and reaffirm the Constitution.