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5. In addition to the above-mentioned committees the Authority has previously agreed to appoint 1 Member to serve on the Equality and Inclusion Group (in 2016/17 this was Councillor Sharpe) and also to appoint 1 Member from each Authority area to the Fire Death and Injury Panel. The following appointments were made in 2016/17:

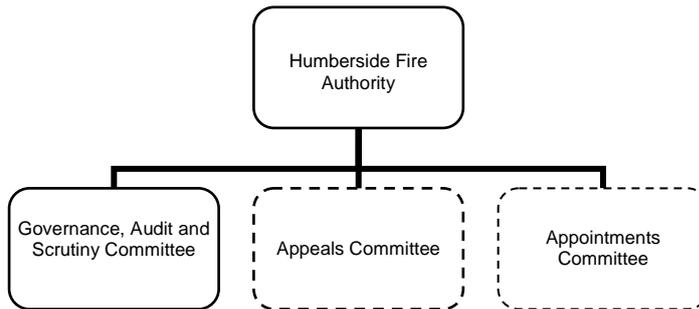
Councillor Green - (East Riding of Yorkshire)
Councillor Mathieson - (Hull)
Councillor Sherwood - (North Lincolnshire)
Councillor Jackson - (North East Lincolnshire)

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. (a) That the Authority approves the Committee structure.
(b) That the Authority determines the size of its Committees.
(c) That the Authority determines the allocation of seats on Committees referred to in this report.
(d) That the Authority appoints one Elected Member to serve on the Pensions Board having regard to the criteria for such appointments set out in the Constitution and approves the other appointments set out in paragraph 3.
(e) That the respective Group Secretaries consider the appointment of Members to each Committee (except the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee) by their Groups and submit details at the Annual Meeting or as soon as possible thereafter to the Monitoring Officer/Secretary.
(f) That the Authority appoints 1 Member to the Equality and Inclusion Group and 4 Members to the Fire Death and Injury Panel as outlined in paragraph 5.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

7. The current Committee Structure (excluding the Pensions Board) is as follows:



8. The terms of reference of each Committee and the Pensions Board are set out in the Constitution.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING ACT 1989 – POLITICAL BALANCE PROVISIONS

9. Members are reminded that the political balance provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies to the appointment of Committees of the Fire Authority provided that the Authority may, where there is no dissent, make whatever Committee membership arrangements it wishes. The provisions do not apply to the appointment of Independent Co-opted Members of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee. The Fire Authority’s membership is divided into political groups and the composition of the respective groups expressed as a proportion of the Fire Authority overall is as follows:

<u>Political Group</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>As a % of 22 Members</u>
Conservative	11	50.00

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Labour	8	36.36
Liberal Democrats	2	9.09
Others (Independent)	1	4.55

10. Section 15(5) of the Act lays down four principles to be followed when applying political proportionality to the membership of committees as follows:
- (i) that not all the seats on a Committee are allocated to the same political group;
 - (ii) that the majority of seats on a Committee are allocated to the group having a majority of seats on the Fire Authority **(as no political group has a majority of seats on the Authority this provision does not apply)**;
 - (iii) that subject to (i) and (ii) above the number of seats on the ordinary committees of the Fire Authority allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of the Authority as is borne by the number of Members of that group to the membership of the Authority (see paragraph 9 above);
 - (iv) that subject to (i) to (iii) above the number of seats on a Committee allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that Committee as is borne by the Members of that group to the membership of the Authority
11. Members are first asked to consider the appropriate size of each Committee to be effective, and from a decision on size will flow the allocation of seats according to the rules of political proportionality (except in respect to the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee).
12. As the Authority has agreed that the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee shall not comprise any Elected Members the Committee is not subject to the rules of political proportionality.
13. In respect to the Appointments Committee, the seats allocated in 2016/17 was 7 seats. It is recommended that the same size be approved for 2017/18. Similarly it is recommended that the Appeals Committee should comprise 3 Members. Members should note that the allocation of seats as between the respective political groups in 2017/18 is as set out below. In the event of the Police and Crime Commissioner becoming a Member of the Authority with full voting rights the Authority will need to review the committee allocations set out below.

Allocation of Seats 2017/18

Committee	Total Seats	Allocation of Seats		
		Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats
Appointments Committee	7	3.18	2.542	0.637
		3	3	1
Appeals Committee	3	1.36	1.091	0.273
		1	1	1
Initial allocation	10	4	4	2
Overall entitlement		4.54	3.636	0.91
Adjustment necessary		+ 1	-	- 1

14. With regard to the adjustment, the Fire Authority could simply agree the Committee allocations with no adjustments.
15. Provided the Authority approves Recommendations 2(a) and 2(b), then if the Group Secretaries are in a position to make nominations to the Committees, then the

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composition of the Fire Authority's Committees can be determined at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee Chairpersons are elected at the first meeting of the relevant Committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

16. Not directly relevant.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

17. None arising directly.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

18. None arising directly.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

19. No direct actions required.

CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

20. An effective committee structure supports leadership and good governance.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

21. None arising directly.

COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

22. The structure will be published.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION AND/OR COLLABORATION

23. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

24. None.

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

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