

THE COMPOSITION OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY 2017/18

SUMMARY

1. A report was submitted to the Authority on 24 April 2017 providing an annual update to Members in respect to the impact upon its composition arising from any change in the Registered Local Government Electors as at 1 December 2016 as published by the Office for National Statistics. This report provides an update with regard to the Members appointed to serve on the Fire Authority by the Constituent Unitary Authorities at their annual meetings in May 2017.
2. The report also provides an update with regard to the provisions in the Policing and Crime Act 2017 allowing Fire Authorities to appoint the Police and Crime Commissioner for their area as a Member of the Authority with full voting rights.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Members are asked to consider this report and note the appointments to the Fire Authority made by each of the constituent authorities.

BACKGROUND

4. At the meeting of the Authority on 24 April 2017 Members received a report providing an annual update to Members in respect to the impact upon its composition arising from any change in the Registered Local Government Electors as at 1 December 2016 as published by the Office for National Statistics. The Authority confirmed that the Authority should continue to comprise 22 Members appointed by the constituent Unitary Authorities and that each constituent authority be allowed to appoint the following number of Members:

East Riding of Yorkshire Council	:	8
Kingston upon Hull City Council	:	6
North Lincolnshire Council	:	4
North East Lincolnshire Council	:	4

5. While political proportionality is a matter for the nominating Authority, it is understood that the political make-up of the Fire Authority will be as follows:

East Riding of Yorkshire Council	:	6 x Conservative 1 x Labour 1 x Independent
Hull City Council	:	4 x Labour 2 x Liberal Democrat
North East Lincolnshire Council	:	2 x Conservative 2 x Labour
North Lincolnshire Council	:	3 x Conservative 1 x Labour

6. Details of the appointments made by the constituent authorities for 2017/18 are set out in Appendix 1 which now incorporates the appointments made by North East Lincolnshire Council at its Annual Meeting on 25 May 2017.

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POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2017

7. As Members are aware the Policing and Crime Act 2017 provides for Fire Authorities to appoint the Police and Crime Commissioner for their area as a Member of the Fire Authority with full voting rights and that the Home Office was considering legislative changes to the Combination Orders that established Combined Fire Authorities such as Humberside Fire Authority to allow that to happen. Information is still awaited from the Home Office but it is envisaged that the intended revision to the Combination Order will allow the Fire Authority to increase its membership from 22 to 23 and to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside to become a Member of the Authority with full voting rights.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

8. One of the agreed current strategic workstreams is in respect to corporate governance. This report reflects the robustness of those arrangements and proposed options for strengthening these arrangements further.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

9. None arising directly.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. As set out above.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

11. None arising directly.

CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

12. This report is designed to further enhance the governance arrangements of the Authority, while ensuring that the Authority is compliant with the Combination Order.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13. None arising directly.

COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

14. Subject to the Home Officer confirming that the necessary legislative changes have been implemented the Police and Crime Commissioner will have to make a formal request to the Authority and the Authority must agree to the request in order for the Police and Crime Commissioner to become a Member of the Authority. The appointment will be published on the Authority's website.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION AND/OR COLLABORATION

15. Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive and Statutory S.151 Officer.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

16. None

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

17. Member are asked to consider this report and note the appointments to the Fire Authority made by each of the constituent authorities.

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COMPOSITION OF FIRE AUTHORITY 2017/18**MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CONSTITUENT UNITARY AUTHORITIES (22)****1. East Riding of Yorkshire Council (8)**

Councillor Margaret Chadwick	(Conservative)
Councillor Helen Green	(Conservative)
Councillor Christopher Matthews	(Conservative)
Councillor Dee Sharpe	(Conservative)
Councillor Patricia Smith	(Conservative)
Councillor Peter Turner	(Conservative)
Councillor Barbara Jefferson JP	(Independent)
Councillor Shelagh Finlay	(Labour)

2. Hull City Council (6)

Councillor Peter Allen	(Labour)
Councillor Carol Clarkson	(Labour)
Councillor Leanne Fudge	(Labour)
Councillor Steve Wilson	(Labour)
Councillor Jackie Dad	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor Karen Mathieson	(Liberal Democrat)

3. North East Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor Philip Jackson	(Conservative)
Councillor Ronald Shepherd	(Conservative)
Councillor Mike Burton	(Labour)
Councillor Ray Sutton	(Labour)

4. North Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor John Briggs	(Conservative)
Councillor Nigel Sherwood	(Conservative)
Councillor Rob Waltham	(Conservative)
Councillor Mick Grant	(Labour)

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