



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
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Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY, APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Report of the Clerk and Monitoring Officer

Agenda No:

Date: 28 May 2010

Purpose of Report:

This report notifies membership of the Authority following the Annual Meetings of the County and City Councils, requests nominations to committees and boards and seeks confirmation of dates of meetings. It also seeks to appoint Chairs of committees from those appointed to serve on them.

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1. BACKGROUND

The Authority has continued to deliver its wider community safety agenda through the committee structure. At the Annual General Meeting the Authority is required to resolve what committees shall be appointed and the number of voting members. It is also suggested that the chairs of committees should be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in order to ensure continuity of business.

2. REPORT

2.1 The City Council has appointed the following members:-

Councillor A Foster
Councillor P Griggs
Councillor B Grocock
Councillor H James
Councillor T Spencer
Councillor M Wood

2.2 The County Council has appointed the following members:-

Councillor V Bobo
Councillor S Carroll
Councillor B Cooper
Councillor B Cross
Councillor V Dobson
Councillor S Fielding
Councillor J Hemsall
Councillor K Longdon
Councillor T Pettengell
Councillor D Pulk
Councillor K Rigby
Councillor G Wheeler

2.3 Committee Membership

2.3.1 The Authority is asked to appoint members to the Committees set out in the table below, where applicable, in accordance with the political balance rules and, from those appointments, to appoint the chair of each committee.

2.3.2 In order to ensure that the Standards Committee is viewed as “non political” the current terms of reference provide for a membership comprising of one member from each of the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat groups, one other elected member and two independent non elected members. Given the current make up of the Authority it is suggested that the other elected member should come from the Independent Group.

2.3.3 Although the Standards Committee has no requirement for political balance there is a legal requirement that an independent non elected member must be appointed chair. The current independent chair is Beverley Denby, who it is

recommended should be reappointed chair for the 2010/11 municipal year. Since the last AGM the Authority has also recruited a further independent non elected member, Mr Alan Street, who was appointed for a four year term from 18 December 2009.

2.3.4 In addition to the committee appointments, the Authority is asked to appoint members to the Strategic Equalities Board on the basis of 2 Labour Group places, 2 Conservative Group places and 1 Liberal Democrat Group Place and to confirm the membership of the Best Value Review Board as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority with other members appointed by invitation depending on the best value review being undertaken.

Committee (total places)	Labour Group places	Conservative Group places	Liberal Democrat Group places	Independent Group places
<u>Policy and Strategy Committee (6)</u> – to include the Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority and 1 member from each of the following committees, Human Resources, Finance and Resources, and Community Safety plus 2 other members	2	2	1	1
<u>Performance Monitoring Committee (5)</u>	2	2	1	
<u>Human Resources Committee (5)</u>	2	2	1	
<u>Community Safety Committee (5)</u>	2	2	1	
<u>Finance and Resources Committee (5)</u>	2	2	1	
<u>Personnel Committee (7)</u> – to include 1 member from the HR Committee.	3	3	1	
<u>Appointments Committee (6)</u> - to include Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority	2	2	1	1
<u>Standards Committee (4 plus 2 independent non elected members)</u>	1	1	1	1

2.4 Dates of Future Meetings

The proposed schedule for full Fire and Rescue Authority and Committee meetings is as follows:-

2.4.1

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham

Fire and Rescue Authority (10.30 am)

25 June 2010

17 September 2010

17 December 2010

25 February 2011

AGM 27 May 2011

Facilities will be made available for all Groups to hold pre meetings at 9.45am prior to full Authority meetings.

2.4.2

Policy and Strategy Committee (10.00 am)

30 July 2010

29 October 2010

4 February 2011

29 April 2011

2.4.3

Performance Monitoring Committee (10.00 am)

2 July 2010

1 October 2010

7 January 2011

25 March 2011

2.4.4

Human Resources Committee (10.00 am)

23 July 2010

22 October 2010

28 January 2011

15 April 2011

2.4.5

Community Safety Committee (10.00 am)

16 July 2010

8 October 2010

21 January 2011

8 April 2011

2.4.6

Finance and Resources Committee (10.00 am)

9 July 2010

15 October 2010

14 January 2011

1 April 2011

2.4.7 The Personnel Committee will meet as required.

2.4.8 The Standards Committee will meet at the rising of the Fire and Rescue Authority meeting on 17 September 2010 or otherwise as required.

2.4.9 The Appointments Committee will meet as required.

2.4.10 The Best Value Review Board will meet as required.

2.4.11 The Strategic Equalities Board will meet quarterly.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The City Council provides the Clerk and Monitoring Officer for all meetings of the Fire and Rescue Authority, Policy and Strategy Committee, Standards Committee and Personnel Committee. Nottingham City Council makes provision for a Committee Administrator to be present for all committee meetings identified in 2.4 above, for which agendas and minutes will be circulated by the Clerk. For 2010/11 the cost to Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority for these services will be £33,000. Any additional services will be recharged separately.

3.2 An independent remuneration committee established the allowances to be paid to Fire and Rescue Authority Members and this also provided for these to be up rated annually in accordance with Local Government pay awards. The latest Members' Allowances Scheme was approved by the Authority at its meeting on 19 February 2010.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no human resources or learning and development implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

There are no specific equality issues arising from this report.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Failure to agree committee membership and to set dates and times for meetings may lead to a failure of the governance arrangements.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- 8.1 appointments to the Fire and Rescue Authority be noted;
- 8.2 appointments to committees and appointments of committee chairs be made and dates of meetings be approved;
- 8.3 that all meetings of the Authority and its committees be held at Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bestwood Lodge, Nottingham;
- 8.4 That Ms Beverley Denby be reappointed as an independent member and chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2010/11.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

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