

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** of the **North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority** held on **Monday 20 July 2026** virtually via **Zoom**. Meeting commenced at **09:00**.

Councillor

Dylan Rees (Chair)
Mark Young (Deputy Chair)
Bryan Apsley
Tina Claydon
Paul Cunningham
Ann Davies
Jeff Evans
Chrissy Gee
Ian Hodge
Alan Hughes
Chris Hughes
John Brynmor Hughes
Gareth R Jones
John Ifan Jones
Charlie McCoubrey
Gwynfor Owen
Beverley Parry-Jones
Arwyn Herald Roberts
Austin Roberts
Rondo Roberts
Gareth Sandilands
Dale Selvester
Gareth Williams
Siân Williams
Antony Wren

Representing

Anglesey County Council
Denbighshire County Council
Wrexham County Borough Council
Flintshire County Council
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Denbighshire County Council
Anglesey County Council
Flintshire County Council
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Denbighshire County Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Gwynedd Council
Conwy County Borough Council
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Conwy County Borough Council
Wrexham County Borough Council
Denbighshire County Council
Flintshire County Council
Gwynedd Council
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Flintshire County Council

Also present:

Dawn Docx
Justin Evans
Helen MacArthur
Anthony Jones
Dafydd Edwards
Gareth Owens
Matt Powell
Elgan Roberts
Steve Morris
Llinos Evans
Heledd Davies
Ffion Evans
Lisa Allington

Chief Fire Officer (CFO)
Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO)
Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO)
Assistant Chief Fire Officer (ACFO)
Treasurer
Clerk and Monitoring Officer
Deputy Clerk and Monitoring Officer
Head of Finance and Procurement
Head of ICT
Head of Corporate Communications
Atebol Translation Services
Executive Assistant
Members' Services

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR 2026/27

1.1 The Clerk to the Authority invited nominations for the position of Chair of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority). A nomination was received from Cllr Mark Young for Cllr Dylan Rees which was seconded by Cllr Gareth Sandilands.

1.2 An vote was held with 25 Members in favour and no abstentions. Cllr Dylan Rees was therefore elected as Chair of the Authority with immediate effect.

1.3 RESOLVED that:

- i) Cllr Dylan Rees be appointed as Chair to the Authority for the year 2026-27.**

2 APOLOGIES

Name	Representing
Paul Rogers	Wrexham County Borough Council
Carol Beard	Conwy County Borough Council

The above apologies were offered and accepted. Cllr Siân Williams was welcomed to her first meeting of the Authority.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest to record.

4 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR 2026/27

4.1 The newly elected Chair invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chair of the Authority. A nomination was received from Cllr Arwyn Hearld Roberts for Cllr Mark Young which was seconded by Cllr Gareth Sandilands.

4.2 An online vote was held with 25 Members in favour and no abstentions. Cllr Mark Young was therefore elected as Deputy Chair to the Authority with immediate effect.

4.3 RESOLVED that:

- i) Cllr Mark Young be appointed as Deputy Chair to the Authority for the year 2026-27;**

5 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2026/27

- 5.1 The Chair invited nominations for the position of Chair to the Audit Committee. A nomination was received from Cllr Tina Claydon for Cllr Gareth Sandilands which was seconded by Cllr Mark Young.
- 5.4 An online vote was held with 25 Members in favour and no abstentions. Cllr Gareth Sandilands was therefore elected as Chair of the Audit Committee with immediate effect.
- 5.5 **RESOLVED that:**
- i) **Cllr Gareth Sandilands be appointed as Chair of the Audit Committee 2026/27;**

6 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2026/27

- 6.1 The Chair invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chair to the Audit Committee. A nomination was received from Cllr Gareth Sandilands for Cllr Tina Claydon which was seconded by Cllr Jeff Evans.
- 6.2 An online vote was held with 25 Members in favour and no abstentions. Cllr Tina Claydon was therefore elected as Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee with immediate effect.
- 6.2 **RESOLVED that:**
- ii) **Cllr Tina Claydon be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee 2026/27;**

7 NOTICE OF URGENT MATTERS

- 7.1 No notices of urgent matters had been received.

8 MEMBERSHIP OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY INCORPORATING APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

- 8.1 The Clerk delivered the paper in relation to the membership of the Authority incorporating Appointments to Committees and External Bodies. This paper invited Members to note membership of the Authority and its committees which had changed from the previous year. It also noted the outside appointments such as the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Local Government Association (LGA).
- 8.2 It was noted that there had been four membership changes to the Authority since the previous year. There was also a recommendation to temporarily increase the number of Independent Members on the Standards Committee, should sufficient applicants be received, in order to save further recruitment next year.

8.4 RESOLVED to:

- i) Confirm membership of the Authority, appointments to committees and external appointments; and**
- ii) Agree to temporarily increase the number of Independent Member seats on the Standards Committee should sufficient applicants be available.**

9 MEETING DATES 2026/27

9.1 The Clerk presented to Members the meeting dates for the year 2026-27. It was noted that where possible, local authorities had agreed to avoid clashes of council meetings with full Authority meetings.

9.2 RESOLVED to:

- i) Agree the dates for meetings of the full Authority, Executive Panel and Audit Committee.**

10 MEMBERS' REMUNERATION SCHEME

10.1 The Clerk delivered the Members' Remuneration Scheme paper which informed them of the current rates of member remuneration and asked that they formally approve the schedule of payments made during the financial year 2025/26.

10.2 The Clerk noted that an urgent item on remuneration had been requested for the next meeting, as rates of pay for the new authority will need to be considered following the May 2027 elections.

10.3 RESOLVED to:

- i) Note the DBCC's determinations in relation to members' allowances and remuneration with effect from 1 April 2026;**
- ii) Give delegated authority to the Clerk to update the schedule of member remuneration within the Authority's constitution and to make any necessary amendments to the 2026/27 schedule from time to time during the municipal year, in order to reflect any changes in membership of the Authority, or as a result of any supplementary reports issued by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales; and**
- iii) To approve the schedule of payments made during 2025/26 as required by the DBCC**

11 URGENT MATTERS

11.1 There were no urgent matters to consider.

Members and Officers were thanked for their participation.

Meeting closed: 09.24hrs