

Report to	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Meeting	
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Subject	Membership of the Fire and Rescue Authority incorporating Appointments to Committees and External Bodies	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to invite Members to note membership of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority) and its committees which has changed since last year. It is also to note the outside appointments such as the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Local Government Association (LGA).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 There have been four membership changes to the Authority since last year and this report updates on the current membership and allocation to committees.
- 3 There is also a recommendation to temporarily increase the number of Independent Members on the Standards Committee, should we receive sufficient applicants, in order to save further recruitment next year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4 It is recommended that Members:
 - 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.**

BACKGROUND

- 5 The Authority has a series of committees to which appointments are made at the annual meeting. These are set out below.

- 6 The Authority has determined not to apply political balance to the membership of its committees under regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. Appointments to the Authority's two main committees are made by different methods depending on which constituent authority nominated the member. Standards Committee members volunteer for the position.
- 7 The Authority is also represented on the following:

Chairs and Chiefs Ministerial Fire and Rescue Liaison Group	The Chair
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Council	The Chair
WLGA Co-ordinating Committee	One representative on behalf of the three Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs)
WLGA Fire Services Panel	Chair and Deputy Chair
Local Government Association (LGA)	The Chair
LGA Fire Services Forum	One representative on behalf of the three FRAs
Social Partnership Forum	Chair or Deputy Chair

INFORMATION

- 8 Since July 2025 the membership of the Authority has changed. There have been some changes due to political balance changes within the constituent council.
- 9 The changes are as follows:

Previous Councillor	Current Councillor	Council
Tom Montgomery	Gareth Jones	Conwy
Sharon Doleman	Charlie McCoubrey	Conwy
Marc Jones	Vacant	Wrexham
Gareth A Roberts	Siân Williams	Gwynedd

- 10 Appointments are made to the following Committees. When membership changes, the new member is usually appointed to the seat of the person they replaced.

Membership of each committee is as follows:

Executive Panel (14 members)

Councillor		Council
Carol	Beard	Conwy
Paul	Cunningham	Flintshire
Alan	Hughes	Denbighshire
Chris	Hughes	Conwy
John Ifan	Jones	Ynys Môn
Charlie	McCoubrey	Conwy
Dylan	Rees	Ynys Môn
Rondo	Roberts	Wreccsam
Paul	Rogers	Wreccsam
Dale	Selvester	Flintshire
Gareth	Williams	Gwynedd
Siân	Williams	Gwynedd
Antony	Wren	Flintshire
Mark	Young	Denbighshire

Audit Committee (14 members)

Councillor		Council
Bryan	Apsley	Wreccsam
Chrissy	Gee	Flintshire
Tina	Claydon	Flintshire
Ann	Davies	Denbighshire
Ian	Hodge	Flintshire
Jeff	Evans	Ynys Môn
John Brynmor	Hughes	Gwynedd
Gareth R	Jones	Conwy
Gwynfor	Owen	Gwynedd
Beverley	Parry-Jones	Wreccsam
Arwyn Herald	Roberts	Gwynedd
Austin	Roberts	Conwy
Gareth	Sandilands	Denbighshire
Vacant		Wrexham

Standards Committee (two members)

Cllr Ian Hodge (Flintshire)
 Cllr John Brynmor Hughes (Gwynedd)
 plus 4 co-opted members.

- 11 The Standards Committee currently has one vacancy for an Independent Member, for which it will be advertising shortly (in a joint advert with Flintshire County Council). Two of the current three Independent Members will reach the end of their second term of office next year.
- 12 Given the cost and resource demands of recruitment (around £3,000 – £5,000 for advertising alone) It would be prudent for the Authority to increase the number of seats for Independent Members from four to six on the Committee, if there are enough candidates of quality. The additional two Independent Members can serve a handover period alongside the experienced Independent Members at a much lower cost (approximately £840 for two people to attend two meetings) than advertising again next year.
- 13 The terms of reference of the above committees are included in the Constitution.

IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	Considered not relevant
Budget	Attendance costs will be met from existing allocated budget
Legal	Meetings are held in accordance with the agreed terms of reference. Members are expected to abide by their code of conduct at all times
Staffing	Considered not relevant
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	Considered not relevant
Risks	Considered not relevant