

AVON FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING:	Avon Fire Authority
MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, 21 June 2023
REPORT OF:	The Clerk
SUBJECT:	Member Information 2022/23

1. **SUMMARY**

This report provides details of Members' allowances and expenses paid during the 2022/23 municipal year. Members' attendance at meetings is already available on the Avon Fire Authority website.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Fire Authority is asked to note the report and authorise publication of the figures at **Appendix 1** on the Avon Fire Authority website.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Robust and transparent governance arrangements are key to providing an effective service to the public. This includes transparency around the activities of Members and the allowances and expenses they have received during the municipal year.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The costs arising from this report have been met from existing budgets.

5. **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 This report provides figures for the payments made to Members under the Members' Allowances Scheme (**Appendix 1**).
- 5.2 Members' attendance at meetings during the 2022/23 municipal year is automatically recorded by Modern.gov and those statistics are published on

Avon Fire Authority's website at the following link (the date range can be changed):

[Members' attendance summary Modern.gov](#)

- 5.3 Following the Fire Authority meeting, **Appendix 1** will be published on Avon Fire Authority's website.

6. **RISKS**

- 6.1 None.

7. **LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 In accordance with section 15 of The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Fire Authority is obliged to keep a record of payments made by it in accordance with a Members' Allowances Scheme and to publish the expenses paid to Members in the preceding financial year.

- 7.2 Whilst the information contained within this report can be regarded as personal data in respect of each Member, the Fire Authority is publishing the information (a type of 'processing') in accordance with Article 6(1)(e) of the General Data Protection Regulation, which makes processing lawful as it is:

'...necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller'

- 7.3 The publication is necessary to ensure openness and transparency in the activities of Members to encourage public scrutiny and accountability.

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

9. **APPENDICES**

1. Members' Allowances Scheme Payments.

10. **REPORT CONTACT**

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