

AVON FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING:	Avon Fire Authority
MEETING DATE:	22 June 2022
REPORT OF:	The Clerk
SUBJECT:	Appointments for the Municipal Year 2022/23

1. **SUMMARY**

This report sets out the Membership of the Fire Authority as of June 2022.

Appointments made by the Fire Authority generally last for a Municipal Year which runs from one Annual Meeting until the next. There are a range of appointments that the Fire Authority needs to make today.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Fire Authority is asked to:

- a) Allocate Members to the Fire Authority Committees (with the Committees to appoint their Chairs in accordance with paragraph 2.2 of Standing Orders).
- b) Appoint its representative on the Local Government Association.
- c) Appoint its representative on South West Councils.
- d) Appoint its representative on South West Councils' Employers' Panel.
- e) Appoint its Employer Representatives for the Local Pension Board.

3. **BACKGROUND**

Membership of the Fire Authority

- 3.1. The current membership of the Fire Authority of 20 Members is as follows:

	Member	Appointing Authority	Party	Ward
1.	Ali, Amal	Bristol	Labour	Frome Vale
2.	Ashe, John	South Glos	Conservative	Bradley Stoke South
3.	Bromley, Shelley	BANES	Liberal Democrats	Weston
4.	Brown, Ernie	South Glos	Conservative	Stoke Gifford
5.	Butters, Neil	BANES	Liberal Democrats	Bathavon South
6.	Davies, Don	N Somerset	Independent	Pill
7.	Eddy, Richard	Bristol	Conservative	Bishopsworth
8.	Goggin, Paul	Bristol	Labour	Hartcliffe and Withywood
9.	Hopkinson, Brian	South Glos	Conservative	Charlton and Cribbs
10.	Jacobs, Ruth	N Somerset	Conservative	Wick St Lawrence and St Georges
11.	Massey, Brenda	Bristol	Labour	Southmead
12.	May, Paul	BANES	Conservative	Publow with Whitchurch
13.	Mohamud, Yassin	Bristol	Green	Lawrence Hill
14.	Monk, Adam	South Glos	Labour	Filton
15.	Nutland, Ben	South Glos	Liberal Democrats	Yate North
16.	Payne, Robert	N Somerset	Liberal Democrat	Weston-Super-Mare Central
17.	Smith, Steve	Bristol	Conservative	Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze
18.	Tucker, Richard	N Somerset	Labour	Weston-Super-Mare Milton
19.	Varney, Andrew	Bristol	Liberal Democrat	Brislington West
20.	Wilcox, David	Bristol	Green	Lockleaze

Allocation of Committee Places

- 3.2. In accordance with Standing Orders (paragraph 1.28) each Member is allocated a minimum of one committee place, and this is done on the nomination of the relevant Political Group Leaders. Group Leaders have agreed the following Committee nominations:

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Green/Ind
Audit, Governance & Ethics Committee	John Ashe Ernie Brown	Paul Goggin (Chair) Richard Tucker	Neil Butters Robert Payne	David Wilcox
People & Culture Committee	Ruth Jacobs Brian Hopkinson	Brenda Massey Richard Tucker Adam Monk	Shelley Bromley Andrew Varney	David Wilcox – (Chair) Don Davies (in place of an additional Member from the Conservatives)
Performance Review & Scrutiny Committee	Richard Eddy Paul May	Amal Ali Adam Monk	Robert Payne (Chair) Ben Nutland	Don Davies
Local Pension Board Independent Chair	Steve Smith Richard Eddy (Sub)		Andrew Varney	Yassin Mohamud (Sub)
Total numbers	9 committee appointments for 7 Elected Members	7 committee appointments for 5 Elected Members	7 committee appointments for 5 Elected Members	4 committee appointments for 3 Elected Members

Appointment of Committee Chairs

- 3.3. The table above includes proposed Committee Chairs, which ensure that Chair posts are shared amongst the political parties. The appointment of the Chairs shall be a matter for each Committee to decide (paragraph 2.2.1 of Standing Orders) at the first Committee meetings of the new municipal year.

Local Government Association (LGA)

- 3.4. The Fire Authority is invited to appoint one representative to the LGA (including the Fire Commission). By convention the Chair of the Authority is appointed to this position.

South West Councils

- 3.5. The Fire Authority is invited to appoint one representative to South West Councils which meets twice a year. Representatives are only requested to attend meetings in person, if items on the agendas may have an impact on the Fire Authority. The Vice Chair has offered to continue as the Fire Authority's representative.

South West Councils' Employers' Panel

- 3.6. The Fire Authority is invited to appoint one representative to the South West Councils' Employers' Panel, which meets twice a year. As the Panel considers employment issues it is recommended that the appointed Member is also a Member of the People and Culture Committee. Representatives are only requested to attend meetings in person if items on the agenda may have an impact on the Fire Authority.

Employer Representative of the Local Pension Board

- 3.7. The Fire Authority is required to have two representatives on the Local Pension Board, together with substitute Members. New Fire Authority Members, Cllr Steve Smith and Cllr Andrew Varney have agreed to fulfil these roles. The Board has a pension expert as an independent Chair and advises the Fire Authority on matters connected with the Firefighter Pension Schemes.

4. Working Groups

- 4.1 Members are invited to consider appointment to the following:
- Member Strategic Engagement Forum
 - Constitution Working Group (when required)
 - Trustees of Gambia and Avon Fire Service in Partnership (GAFSIP)

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has no financial implications, as Members Allowances have already been approved by the Fire Authority on 30 March 2022 and are included in the baseline budget.

6. KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 Robust and transparent governance arrangements are key to service delivery and meeting policy priorities.

7. RISKS

- 7.1 None

8. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10. APPENDICES

None

11. REPORT CONTACT

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