

## AVON FIRE AUTHORITY

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Avon Fire Authority</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>22 June 2022</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>The Clerk</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Member Information 2021/22</b>

### 1. **SUMMARY**

This report provides details of Member attendance at meetings during the 2021/22 municipal year. It also provides information on the amount of Members' allowances and expenses paid in that municipal year.

### 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Fire Authority is asked to note the report and to authorise publication of the statistics at **Appendices 1 and 2** on the Fire Authority website.

### 3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Robust and transparent governance arrangements are key to service delivery and meeting policy priorities. This includes transparency around the activities of Members, which details are published every municipal year in addition to the Members' allowances and expenses they have received.

3.2 Records are also maintained of Members' attendance at training and other events, which information is available upon request.

### 4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 This report has no financial implications.

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

### 5. **KEY CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 This report provides statistics for 2021/22:

- Members' Attendance at meetings (**Appendix 1**).
- Members' Allowances Scheme payments (**Appendix 2**).

5.2 Following the meeting today the statistics will be published on the 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.

## **8. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 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'*

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

## **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

## **10. APPENDICES**

1. Members' Attendance at meetings
2. Members' Allowances Scheme payments

## **11. REPORT CONTACT**

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