



Hampshire & Isle of Wight

FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

HIWFRA Full Authority

Purpose: Approval

Date: **26 JULY 2022**

Title: **APPOINTMENTS REPORT**

Report of Monitoring Officer

SUMMARY

1. Following the appointments made at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) AGM that took place on Tuesday 14 June 2022, there has been a change of member appointed to the Authority by the Isle of Wight Council. Councillor Karen Lucioni is now the Independent representative in her capacity as the Cabinet Member for Community Protection, Regulatory Services and Waste replacing Councillor Ian Stephens.
2. This report seeks the Authority's approval of consequential committee appointments to reflect the change in membership.

SIZE AND POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

3. Under the Combination Order, from 1 April 2021 the number of members of the Combined Fire Authority is 11. These are comprised of 8 from Hampshire County Council and one from each of the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils.
4. The updated political composition of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) is attached at Appendix 1 to reflect the change in the Isle of Wight Member. The political proportionality of the Authority and allocation of seats on Committees remains unchanged.
5. At the Authority's AGM on 14 June 2022, the Authority made appointments to its standing Committees. In light of the change of member from Isle of

Wight Council, the Authority now needs to reconsider and update appointments to the Authority's Committees.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

17. There are no financial or resource implications from the content of this report.

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

18. There are no specific equality or other impacts arising from the proposals contained in this paper.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

19. The Authority's appointments and governance arrangements should be kept up to date in order to ensure lawful decision making and good governance. The proposals in this paper ensure that the Authority's governance arrangements are up to date and compliant with Local Government legal requirements.

OPTIONS

20. Option 1 (Recommended) – The Authority is asked to make the appointments to reflect the changes in membership.
21. Option 2 – That HIWFRA does not make the relevant appointments.

RISK ANALYSIS

22. Option 1 ensures that the Authority's governance arrangements are up to date, and its committees are properly constituted.
23. Option 2 would mean the Authority's governance arrangements are not compliant with local government legal principles which could ultimately lead to challenges to decision making.

CONCLUSION

24. It is recommended that the Authority makes the appointments to ensure the Authority's governance arrangements are up to date and compliant with local government law. This will in turn ensure good governance and will also minimise the risk of challenge to the Authority's decision making.

RECOMMENDATIONS

25. That the Authority notes the updated political composition of the Authority as attached in Appendix 1 and that the proportional allocation of seats on the Authority's committees remains as agreed at the Authority's Annual Meeting on 14 June 2022.
26. That Councillor Karen Lucioni is appointed in place of Councillor Ian Stephens as the Liberal Democrat and Independent deputy on Standards & Governance Committee.
27. That Councillor Karen Lucioni is appointed in place of Councillor Ian Stephens as the Liberal Democrat and Independent deputy on the 3SFire CIC Stakeholder Committee.
28. That all other appointments remain as agreed at the Authority's Annual General Meeting on 14 June 2022.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

29. Political Composition – Appendix 1

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