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## Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

- 1. Purpose
- 1.1 To make appointments to Committees, outside organisations and other bodies.
- 2. Reasons for updating the schedule
- 2.1 There have been changes to County Council proportionality following the elections in May 2023. These impact on overall Fire Authority membership in that the Liberal Democrat group now has one additional County Council seat on the Fire Authority, and the Conservative group has one fewer.
- 2.2 Councillor Ros Hathorn (Liberal Democrat) was appointed to the Fire Authority at the County Council's Annual Council meeting in May, replacing Councillor John Gowing (Conservative). There have been no other changes to Fire Authority membership.
- 2.3 There have also been changes to Committee places resulting from the changes in proportionality. Fire Authority Group Leaders have been asked to review the current appointments and make any changes, as appropriate. These are included in the attached schedule, and are summarised below:
  - The Liberal Democrat group has one additional seat on Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Cllr Ros Hathorn replaces Cllr John Gowing;
  - The Liberal Democrat group has one additional seat on the Appointments Committee: Cllr Doug Dew replaces Cllr Ian Gardener.
- 2.4 The only item outstanding is the appointment of Labour substitutes to the Appeals, Appeals (Pensions) and Disciplinary and Grievance Committees. These appointments will be reported verbally at the Fire Authority meeting.

## 3. Recommendations

3.1 The Authority is asked to agree the updated schedule of appointments, as attached at Appendix 1.

## 4. Risk Assessment

4.1 Political – It is important, where possible, to fill vacancies to ensure the effective operation of the Fire Authority's democratic process.

## Source documents

Schedule of appointments – attached