

## Agenda Item: 6

**TO:** Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority  
**FROM:** Political Group Leaders/Monitoring Officer  
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### **APPOINTMENTS TO CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH FIRE AUTHORITY COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER BODIES**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make appointments to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority Committees, outside organisations and other bodies.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Authority is asked to agree the schedule of appointments in Appendix 1.

#### **3. Risk Assessment**

- 3.1 **Political** – to ensure the effective operation of the Fire Authority's democratic processes it is important that appointments to Committees and where applicable, outside organisations and other bodies, are made when changes that affect them occur.

#### **4. Background**

- 4.1 Following the recent elections (May 2025) there have been changes to the County Council proportionality affecting Fire Authority membership. The Liberal Democrat group now has two additional seats on the Fire Authority (8), the Conservative group has four fewer (3), Reform UK has two and the Green Party has one. There were no changes to the Labour (2) or Peterborough First (1) seats.
- 4.2 The proportionality changes necessitated a review of appointments to Committees and the Monitoring Officer reached out to political group leaders requesting their nominations.
- 4.3 The nominations are included in Appendix 1 and brought to the Authority for approval at today's meeting. Once agreed, Democratic Services Officers will ensure the appropriate meeting invitations are sent as a matter of priority.
- 4.4 The Terms of Reference of each of the Fire Authority's committees can be found at [terms-of-reference-2024.pdf](#) . Members should note that those who

sit on the Policy and Resources Committee cannot sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 4.5 In brief, the outside bodies in Appendix 1 have the following functions and responsibilities;

**Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority** – established in March 2017 as a Mayoral Combined Authority for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area. The mission of the Combined Authority is to make life better, healthier and fairer for all. It collaborates with local councils, the Business Board (Local Enterprise Partnership), local public services, government departments and agencies, universities and businesses to grow the local and national economy. The Authority is a co-opted member and the Chair attends board meetings as our representative.

**Local Government Association (LGA)** - The LGA is the national membership body for local authorities. It is a politically led and cross-party organisation that works on behalf of its member councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. It aims to influence and set the political agenda on issues that matter locally.

The fire and rescue service are an integral part of keeping local communities safe and secure and as such the Authority Chair, Vice Chair and Leader of the main political party are nominated to attend any relevant conferences and respond to sector related consultations on behalf of the Authority.

**Local Government Fire Commission** - the Fire Commission is led by the Fire Services Management Committee which reports to the Safer and Stronger Communities Board. It provides a forum for all authorities in voting membership or associate membership of the LGA with a responsibility for fire and rescue to come together to; discuss matters of common interest and concern, represent the views and concerns of the fire community in relation to fire service modernisation, take the lead on day-to-day policy issues affecting fire authorities, exchange good practice and influence the priorities and activities of the LGA. The Authority Chair attends meetings of the Fire Commission on behalf of the Authority.

- 4.6 Further information on all the above can be found on their respective websites.
- 4.7 The Member Champions/Lead Members also mentioned within Appendix 1 are areas in which Members have expressed an interest that they wish to get more involved in organisational work streams. They are not based on proportionality. Therefore, if any Member has a specific area of interest for example, health and safety, safeguarding, and would like to know more they are requested to let the Monitoring Officer know in the first instance.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Documents	Location	Contact Officer
Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Meeting Reports and Minutes – various	CCC website	Tamar Oviatt-Ham Democratic Services Officer 01223 699178 tamar.oviatt-ham@cambridgeshire.gov.uk