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**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2006/07**  
**COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor John Williams, Leader**

**Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the appointment of Members to the revised Committees and Working Groups of the Combined Fire Authority.

**Information and Analysis**

2. At the Annual Council meeting held on 18th May, 2006, a number of appointments were made to the Combined Fire Authority, together with the Fire Authority's various Committees and Working Groups.
3. Since the Annual Council meeting, Durham County Council have informed this authority that the various Committees and Working Groups of the Combined Fire Authority were to be replaced by a new Committee structure. Those changes were approved by a meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held on 15th June, 2006 and the new Committees are detailed below :-

Appeal Committee;  
Human Resources Committee;  
Standards Committee;  
Performance Committee; and  
Audit and Finance Committee.

4. Each Committee will have six Members and based on the present political balance, there would be five Labour (4 from Durham County Council and 1 from Darlington Borough Council) plus one minority party representative for each Committee.
5. It was not proposed to make any changes in relation to the Local Government Association or the Regional Management Board.

**Outcome of Consultation**

6. No other consultation, other than political groups were consulted on the appointments.

## **Legal Implications**

7. This report has been considered by the Legal Services Manager for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Legal Services Manager considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

## **Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

8. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

## **Council Policy Framework**

9. The appointments are required to be considered by Council.

## **Recommendation**

10. That the appointments be made, as detailed below, to the Committees of the Combined Fire Authority, for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2006/07:-
  - (a) Councillor Holmes be appointed to the Appeal Committee;
  - (b) Councillors Mrs. Brown and Holmes be appointed to the Human Resources Committee;
  - (c) The Mayor, Councillor Lister be appointed to the Standards Committee;
  - (d) Councillor Harker be appointed to the Performance Committee and he be Chair of that Committee; and
  - (e) The Mayor, Councillor Lister be appointed to the Audit and Finance Committee.

## **Reasons**

11. To appoint Members to the appropriate Combined Fire Authority Committees.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

## **Background Papers**

- (i) E-Mail from Durham County Council.
- (ii) Report to the Annual Meeting of the Combined Fire Authority held on 15th June, 2006.

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