
**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2013/14
COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY**

Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Bill Dixon, Leader

Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Resources

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To give further consideration to this Council's representation on the various Committees of the Combined Fire Authority for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the nominations to the various Committees and outside bodies of the Combined Fire Authority, as detailed in paragraph 6 of the main report for the 2013/14 Municipal Year, be approved.

Reasons

3. The recommendation is supported to comply with the nominations received from the Political Groups.

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Resources**

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of the report.

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| S17 Crime and Disorder | The report contributes to the prevention of crime and disorder, in a number of ways, through the involvement of local elected representatives in a number of outside bodies. |
| Health and Well Being | The appointment of local elected representatives to various outside bodies will enable the health and well-being of the people of the Borough to be highlighted through the work, policies and decisions of those bodies. |
| Carbon Impact | The appointment of local elected representatives to a range of key local and national bodies, will enable any carbon impact issues to be considered in the development of policies and other decisions through those bodies. |
| Diversity | The report contributes to diversity in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected representatives on a range of key local and national bodies, and the development of policies and other decisions through those bodies. |
| Wards Affected | This report does not immediately affect any wards within the Borough. |
| Groups Affected | This report does not have any affect on any particular parts of the community. |
| Budget and Policy Framework | This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework. |
| Key Decision | This is a non Executive decision. |
| Urgent Decision | This is not an urgent decision. |
| One Darlington: Perfectly Placed | The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the community strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected representatives on a range of key local and national bodies, and the development of policies and other decisions through those bodies. |
| Efficiency | There are no direct efficiencies to the Council from the information within this report. |

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. At the Annual Council meeting held on 16 May 2013 the following appointments were made to the Combined Fire Authority, and its various Committees for the 2013/14 Municipal Year:-

| Name of Body or Organisation | Labour Group Representation | Conservative Group/Liberal Democrat Representation |
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| Combined Fire Authority | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) and Councillors Thistlethwaite and S Richmond (Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) (Councillors Newall, L Hughes and Regan as respective named substitutes) | Councillor Lewis (Councillor B Jones as named substitute) |

Combined Fire Authority :-

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| (a) Appeals Committee | - | Councillor Lewis |
| (b) Human Resources Committee | Councillor S Richmond (Vice-Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) | Councillor Lewis |
| (c) Standards Committee | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) | - |
| (d) Performance Committee | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) | Councillor Lewis |
| (e) Audit and Finance Committee | Councillor Thistlethwaite (Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) | - |
| (f) Local Government Association | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) (Councillor S Richmond (Vice-Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee as named substitute)) | - |
| (g) Joint Consultative Committee | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) | - |

5. Since those appointments were made a number of changes have been made to the Committee Structure of the Combined Fire Authority (CFA). This Council's allocation of seats on the CFA itself remains unchanged.

6. As this Council has four seats on the CFA which is 4/25ths of the total membership this Council has been allocated one seat on each of the Committees. The nominations received to fill those seats is as follows, namely:-

Committees

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| (a) | Appeals Committee (6 Members) | Councillor Lewis |
| (b) | Audit and Risk Committee (6 Members) | Councillor Thistlethwaite (Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) |
| (c) | Finance and General Purposes Committee (6 Members) | Councillor S Richmond (Vice-Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) |
| (d) | Policy and Performance Committee (6 Members) | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) and Councillor Lewis (seat allocated by Durham County Council's Conservative Group) |
| (e) | Joint Consultative Committee (7 Members) | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) |

Outside Bodies

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| (a) | Local Government Association | Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio) |
| (b) | Community Interest Company | Councillor Thistlethwaite (Chair of Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee) |

Outcome of Consultation

7. No formal consultation, other than with the Labour and Conservative Groups, was undertaken on the issues contained within this report.