

SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018 AT SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS

1. PRESENT:

Councillor	Authority
D Ali	Cardiff
S Bradwick	Rhondda Cynon Taff
L Brown	Monmouth
K Critchley	Newport
R Crowley	Vale of Glamorgan
D T Davies	Caerphilly
L Davies	Merthyr Tydfil
S Ebrahim	Cardiff
C Elsbury	Caerphilly
J Harris	Rhondda Cynon Taff
A Hussey	Caerphilly
K McCaffer	Vale of Glamorgan
D Naughton	Cardiff
S Pickering	Rhondda Cynon Taff
A Roberts	Rhondda Cynon Taff
R Shaw	Bridgend
A Slade	Rhondda Cynon Taff
V Smith	Monmouth
G Thomas	Blaenau Gwent
H Thomas	Newport
D White	Bridgend
J Williams	Cardiff

APOLOGIES:

D De'Ath	Cardiff
S Evans	Torfaen

ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: CFO H Jakeway, DCO S Chapman – Monitoring Officer, ACFO A Thomas - Director of Service Delivery, ACFO R Prendergast – Director of Technical Services, ACO M Malson – Acting Director of People Services, Mr C Barton – Treasurer, Ms S Watkins – Deputy Monitoring Officer, Mr G Thomas – Head of Finance & Procurement

2. CHAIR’S WELCOME ADDRESS

The Chair welcomed new and past Members to the Fire & Rescue Authority’s Annual General Meeting for the Municipal Year 2018-2019. For the benefit of new Members each attendee provided a formal introduction.

3. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of Members and Officers, the Chair congratulated the Chief Fire Officer on being awarded the Queen’s Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service in this year’s Queen’s Birthday Honours.

MEMBERS INDUCTION COURSE

The Chair assured new Members that they would receive a firm date to attend a Members Induction Course as soon as possible.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Monitoring Officer requested nominations for Chairperson of the Fire & Rescue Authority. Councillor Tudor Davies was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Tudor Davies was duly elected Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.

The newly appointed Chair responded by thanking Members for their unanimous vote of confidence. He highlighted that there would be a challenging year ahead, and good attendance was expected from Members for all Fire & Rescue Authority Committee meetings

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chairperson. Councillor Bradwick was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Bradwick was duly elected Deputy Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.

6. TO AGREE THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Monitoring Officer provided Members with details of the number of Members required for each Fire and Rescue Authority Committee.

RESOLVED THAT

6.1 Members unanimously agreed that the Finance Audit & Performance Management Committee should not be politically balanced but comprise of one representative from each constituent Unitary Authority.

6.2 Members also resolved that the Local Pension Board Committee would be reduced to 4 Members.

6.3 The Chair called for nominations for the following membership of Committees for 2018/2019:-

Councillor J Williams and Councillor Ebrahim were both nominated to represent Cardiff on the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee. Following a vote by Members of 11 votes to 5, Councillor Ebrahim was duly elected to represent Cardiff.

Finance Audit & Performance Management Committee

Cllr G Thomas	Blaenau Gwent
Cllr D White	Bridgend
Cllr A Hussey	Caerphilly
Cllr S Ebrahim	Cardiff
Cllr L Brown	Monmouthshire
Cllr K Critchley	Newport
Cllr A Roberts	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr S Evans	Torfaen
Cllr R Crowley	Vale of Glamorgan
Cllr L Davies	Merthyr

Local Pension Board

Cllr S Bradwick	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Labour
Cllr J Harries	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Labour
Cllr V Smith	Monmouthshire	Independent
Cllr K McCaffer	Vale of Glamorgan	Conservative

HR & Equalities

Cllr S Bradwick	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Labour
Cllr D De'ath	Cardiff	Labour
Cllr D Ali	Cardiff	Labour
Cllr S Pickering	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Labour
Cllr H Thomas	Newport	Labour
Cllr A Slade	Torfaen	Labour
Cllr A Hussey	Caerphilly	Labour
Cllr S Evans	Torfaen	Labour
Cllr R Shaw	Bridgend	Labour
Cllr C Elsbury	Caerphilly	Plaid Cymru
Cllr D Naughton	Cardiff	Liberal Democrat
Cllr K McCaffer	Vale of Glamorgan	Conservative
Cllr R Crowley	Vale of Glamorgan	Conservative
Cllr G Thomas	Blaenau Gwent	Independent
Cllr L Davies	Merthyr Tydfil	Independent

Standards Committee

Cllr J Harries	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr J Williams	Cardiff
Cllr A Roberts	Rhondda Cynon Taff

Mr R J Alexander	Remain as non-elected Independent Member
Mr S J Barnes	Remain as non-elected Independent Member
Mr G Hughes	Remain as non-elected Independent Member
Mr David Fussell	Remain as non-elected Independent Member
Dr M Kerbey	Remain as non-elected Independent Member

7. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FROM ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Chair called for nominations for Chairperson of the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee from among its Members. Councillor Critchley was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Critchley was duly elected as Chair of the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee.

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FROM IT'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chairperson of the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee from among its Members. Councillor S Evans and Councillor Crowley were both nominated for the role.

RESOLVED THAT

Following a vote by Members of 5 votes to 4, Councillor S Evans was duly elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF HR & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE FROM IT'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Chair called for nominations for Chairperson of the HR & Equalities Committee from among the Members of that Committee. Councillor Pickering was nominated and seconded. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Pickering was duly elected as Chair of the HR & Equalities Committee for 2018/2019.

10. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF HR & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE FROM IT'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Chairperson of the HR & Equalities Committee from among its Members. Councillor Ali and Councillor Naughton were both nominated for the role.

RESOLVED THAT

Following a vote by Members of 8 votes to 5, Councillor Ali was duly elected as Deputy Chair of the HR & Equalities Committee for 2018/2019.

11. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Monitoring Officer provided Members with a report detailing the nominations required to represent the Fire & Rescue Authority at Working Groups and outside bodies.

RESOLVED THAT

Members agreed the following representations to the Working Groups and outside organisations detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report:-

Representative to WLGA

Chairperson – Councillor Tudor Davies

Representative on LGA Fire Committee

Chairperson – Councillor Tudor Davies

Community Safety Partnership Representatives

Cllr G Thomas	Blaenau Gwent
Cllr D White	Bridgend
Cllr C Elsbury	Caerphilly
Cllr D Ali	Cardiff
Cllr R Crowley	Vale of Glamorgan
Cllr L Brown	Monmouthshire
Cllr H Thomas	Newport
Cllr J Harries	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr S Evans	Torfaen

Representatives on Innovations & Awards Panel

Cllr S Bradwick	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr V Smith	Monmouthshire
Cllr J Williams	Cardiff

Representatives on Finance, Asset & Performance Management Scrutiny Group

Cllr S Evans	Torfaen
Cllr A Slade	Torfaen
Cllr D Naughton	Cardiff
Cllr L Brown	Monmouthshire
Cllr V Smith	Monmouthshire
Cllr J Harries	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr S Bradwick	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr K Critchley	Newport
Cllr A Roberts	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr L Davies	Merthyr Tydfil
Cllr A Hussey	Caerphilly
Cllr H Thomas	Newport
Cllr J Williams	Cardiff
Cllr K McCaffer	Vale of Glamorgan
Cllr R Crowley	Vale of Glamorgan
Cllr D Naughton	Cardiff
Cllr R Shaw	Bridgend

Following a query raised by Councillor Smith on whether there was a conflict of interest with the Chair of the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee also being the Chair of the Scrutiny Group, the Monitoring Officer explained that Fire Authority Members had agreed to change the name of the Working Group, but not the Terms of Reference.

She also explained that the political balance rules did not apply to the Scrutiny Group as it was not a formal committee of the Fire Authority, but a working group of the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee, and that it had been custom and practice for the Chair of the Finance, Audit & Performance Management Committee to chair the group.

The Monitoring Officer also explained the legislation Local Authorities had to adhere to, as an executive scrutiny split did not apply to Fire Authorities.

Representatives on National Pensions Committee for Wales

Cllr S Pickering Rhondda Cynon Taff

Representatives on ICT Steering Group

Cllr C Elsbury Caerphilly
Cllr A Roberts Rhondda Cynon Taff

12. TO AGREE THE CYCLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018/2019

The Chair provided Members with details of the proposed cycle of Committee and Working Group meetings for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.

RESOLVED THAT

- 12.1 Members approved the cycle of Committee and Working Group meetings for the Municipal Year 2018/2019 detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report.
- 12.2 Members agreed to note that a Presentation Evening would be held on 5 July, 2018, and on 8 November, 2018, and the Emergency Services Carol Service would take place on 13 December, 2018, at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff. The Chair urged Members attendance at all these events.