

SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2021 AT 1030HRS IN MEETING ROOM 8 OR REMOTELY VIA STARLEAF

1. PRESENT:

Councillor	Authority
D Ali	Cardiff
S Bradwick	Rhondda Cynon Taff
L Brown	Monmouth
M Colbran	Merthyr Tydfil
D T Davies	Caerphilly
P Drake	Vale of Glamorgan
S Ebrahim	Cardiff
C Elsbury	Caerphilly
S Evans	Torfaen
W Hodgins	Blaenau Gwent
G Holmes	Rhondda Cynon Taff
A Hussey	Caerphilly
H Jarvie	Vale of Glamorgan
A Lister	Cardiff
S Malson	Torfaen
S Morgans	Rhondda Cynon Taff
D Naughton	Cardiff
A Roberts	Rhondda Cynon Taff
R Shaw	Bridgend
V Smith	Monmouth
H Thomas	Newport
D White	Bridgend
J Williams	Cardiff

APOLOGIES:

M Spencer	Newport
S Chapman	Monitoring Officer

ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: CFO H Jakeway, ACFO D Rose - Director of Service Delivery, ACFO R Prendergast – Director of Technical Services, ACO A Reed – Director of People Services, Mr C Barton – Treasurer, Temp ACO G Thomas – Director of Corporate Support, Mrs S Watkins – Deputy Monitoring Officer

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

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

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor D T Davies was duly elected Chair of the Fire & Rescue Authority for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

The newly appointed Chair responded by thanking Members for their unanimous vote of confidence. He highlighted that although the past year had been challenging for Members and Officers due to the Covid pandemic, he was looking forward to the year ahead.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

The Chair called for nominations for the 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 2021/2022.

The newly appointed Deputy Chair thanked Members for their unanimous support.

5. TO AGREE THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

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

RESOLVED THAT

5.1 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.

5.2 The Chair called for nominations for the following membership of Committees for 2021/2022:-

Finance Audit & Performance Management Committee

Cllr W Hodgins	Blaenau Gwent
Cllr D White	Bridgend
Cllr A Hussey	Monmouthshire
Cllr S Ebrahim	Cardiff
Cllr V Smith	Monmouthshire
Cllr M Spencer	Newport
Cllr S Evans	Torfaen
Cllr P Drake	Vale of Glamorgan
Cllr M Colbran	Merthyr Tydfil
Cllr S Morgans	Rhondda Cynon Taff

Local Pension Board

Cllr S Bradwick	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Labour
Cllr D White	Bridgend	Labour
Cllr V Smith	Monmouthshire	Independent
Cllr L Brown	Monmouthshire	Conservative

HR & Equalities

Cllr A Roberts	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Labour
Cllr D Ali	Cardiff	Labour
Cllr G Holmes	Rhondda Cynon Taff	Labour
Cllr H Thomas	Newport	Labour
Cllr A Lister	Cardiff	Labour

Cllr A Hussey	Caerphilly	Labour
Cllr S Evans	Torfaen	Labour
Cllr R Shaw	Bridgend	Independent
Cllr P Drake	Vale of Glamorgan	Labour
Cllr C Elsbury	Caerphilly	Plaid Cymru
Cllr D Naughton	Cardiff	Liberal Democrat
Cllr W Hodgins	Blaenau Gwent	Independent
Cllr H Jarvie	Vale of Glamorgan	Independent
Cllr M Colbran	Merthyr Tydfil	Independent
Cllr S Malson	Torfaen	Labour

Standards Committee

Cllr G Holmes	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

The Chair confirmed that on behalf of the Fire & Rescue Authority he would write to outgoing Members to thank them for all their help and support over the past Municipal Year.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FROM ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

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

RESOLVED THAT

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

7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FROM ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

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

RESOLVED THAT

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

8. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF HR & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE FROM ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

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

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Drake was duly elected as Chair of the HR & Equalities Committee for 2021/2022.

9. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF HR & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE FROM ITS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

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

RESOLVED THAT

Councillor Roberts was duly elected as Deputy Chair of the HR & Equalities Committee for 2021/2022.

10. TO AGREE THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

The Deputy 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 W Hodgins	Blaenau Gwent
Cllr D White	Bridgend
Cllr C Elsbury	Caerphilly
Cllr D Ali	Cardiff
Cllr P Drake	Vale of Glamorgan
Cllr L Brown	Monmouthshire
Cllr H Thomas	Newport
Cllr S Morgans	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr S Evans	Torfaen
Cllr M Colbran	Merthyr Tydfil

The Chief Fire Officer took the opportunity to provide Members with a brief overview of the Community Safety meetings and complications around the Public Service Board landscape. He confirmed that he would ensure that Members were kept up to date on their respective local areas.

Representatives on Innovations & Awards Panel

Cllr S Evans	Torfaen
Cllr V Smith	Monmouthshire
Cllr J Williams	Cardiff

Representatives on Finance, Asset & Performance Management Scrutiny Group

Cllr S Malson	Torfaen
Cllr D Naughton	Cardiff
Cllr L Brown	Monmouthshire
Cllr V Smith	Monmouthshire
Cllr S Morgans	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr A Lister	Cardiff
Cllr M Spencer	Newport
Cllr D Ali	Cardiff
Cllr J Williams	Cardiff
Cllr G Holmes	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Cllr A Hussey	Caerphilly
Cllr H Thomas	Newport
Cllr R Shaw	Bridgend
Cllr H Jarvie	Vale of Glamorgan

Representatives on Pension Scheme Advisory Board for Wales

Cllr P Drake	Vale of Glamorgan
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11. TO AGREE THE CYCLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022

The Deputy Monitoring Officer provided Members with details of the proposed cycle of Committee and Working Group meetings for the Municipal Year 2021/2022.

RESOLVED THAT

- 11.1 Members approved the cycle of Committee and Working Group meetings for the Municipal Year 2021/2022 detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report.
- 11.2 Members agreed to note that the Presentation Evening due to be held on 8 July was currently on hold due to Covid restrictions, and Members would be informed of a new date in due course. The Chief Fire Officer highlighted that due to current Covid restrictions there would need to be more flexibility in holding large scale events.

Following a question and answer session on holding future meetings remotely, the Deputy Monitoring Officer assured

Members that the Service was in the process of upgrading facilities to carry out more hybrid meetings, and Members would be advised on progress in due course.

The Chief Fire Officer took the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to new and current Members, and advised them to let him know if they wished to meet with senior officers to discuss any issues.

Members and Officers were also reminded that following the meeting a minute's silence would be held for Chief Fire Officer Paul Fuller, Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service, who sadly passed away on 7 June, 2021, as well as to acknowledge the fourth anniversary of the Grenfell Fire disaster.

The Chair also took the opportunity to extend his best wishes to Deputy Chief Officer Sally Chapman.