

Report to	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Meeting
Date	20 June 2022
Lead Officer	Clerk
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Subject	Appointments to Committees and External Bodies



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to invite Members to appoint membership of internal and various external committees including the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Local Government Association (LGA).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 Members are asked to appoint membership of internal and various external committees including the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Local Government Association (LGA).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 The Authority is recommended to:
 - (i) consider whether to apply the principle of political balance to Committees;
 - (ii) make appointments to the Executive Panel, Audit Committee and Standards Committee as set out in the report; and
 - (iii) appoint representatives to outside bodies as listed in paragraph 6:

BACKGROUND

- 4 The Authority has a series of committees to which appointments are made at the first or annual meeting. These are set out below.
- 5 The Authority in the past has determined not to apply political balance to the membership of its Committees under regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. This issue was revisited during the constitutional review in mid 2008-09. There has been a prevailing consensus that political balance would not be beneficial as the current arrangements are both inclusive and avoid creating any 'political division' in the governance of an Authority.

6 The Authority is also represented on the following:

Chairs and Chiefs Ministerial Fire and Rescue Liaison Group	usually the Chair
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Council	usually the Chair
WLGA Co-ordinating Committee	one representative on behalf of the three FRAs
WLGA Fire Services Panel	Chair and Deputy Chair
Local Government Association (LGA)	usually the Chair
LGA Fire Services Forum	one representative on behalf of the three FRAs
National Issues Committee	Chair and Deputy Chair

INFORMATION

7 Appointments are to be made to the following Committees:-

- Executive Panel (14 members)
- Audit Committee (14 members)
- Standards Committee (2 members) (not required to be politically balanced under the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001) (see separate report on the agenda).

8 The terms of reference of the above committees are included in the Constitution.

9 Given that the constituent authorities are required to apply the principle of political balance to their committees (other than in the case of cabinets), authorities are encouraged to nominate members to this Authority on the basis of political balance. The Authority itself should consider annually whether it wishes to apply political balance noting the comments in 3 above. Should the Authority apply this principle, appointments to committees should be made which ensure that the constituent authorities all have sufficient representation.

10 The membership of the Executive Panel consists of 14 members and comprises the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority and two members per constituent authority. This membership represents 50% of the Authority's membership. The role and membership of the Panel was expanded in the constitutional review in mid 2008-09.

- 11 The Authority agreed to introduce an Audit Committee to review, scrutinise and assure, independently of the Executive, the operational and financial performance of the organisation. The membership of the Committee is the remaining 50% of the membership who are not appointed to the Executive Panel.

IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	Considered not relevant
Budget	Attendance costs will be met from existing allocated budget
Legal	Meetings are held in accordance with the agreed terms of reference. Members are expected to abide by their code of conduct at all times
Staffing	Considered not relevant
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	Considered not relevant
Risks	Considered not relevant

EXECUTIVE PANEL**Member**

Chair
 Deputy Chair
 Dylan Rees
 Ken Taylor
 Rondo Roberts
 Paul Rogers
 Carol Beard
 Nigel Smith

Constituent Authority

Anglesey County Council
 Anglesey County Council
 Wrexham County Borough Council
 Wrexham County Borough Council
 Conwy County Borough Council
 Conwy County Borough Council
 Flintshire County Council
 Flintshire County Council
 Denbighshire County Council
 Denbighshire County Council
 Gwynedd Council
 Gwynedd Council

AUDIT COMMITTEE**Member**

Jeff M Evans
 Bryan Apsley
 Marc Jones
 Beverley Parry-Jones
 Neil Coverley
 Chris Hughes
 Austin Roberts

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