

Report to	<b>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority</b>
Date	<b>16 October 2023</b>
Lead Officer	<b>Not applicable</b>
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Subject	<b>Chair's Report – July to September 2023</b>



## PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report provides Members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chair and Deputy Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority) in their official capacities between July 2023 and September 2023.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 The Chair and/or Deputy Chair have attended several meetings and events, both internally and externally on behalf of the Authority. This has significantly increased this quarter due to the public consultation around the Emergency Cover Review.

## RECOMMENDATION

- 3 Members are asked to:
  - i) note the information provided in the report.

## OBSERVATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 4 This report has not previously been considered.

## INFORMATION

- 5 In addition to the Authority-related meetings, the Chair and Deputy Chair have met with the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) on a regular basis.
- 6 On 3 July 2023, the Chair and the CFO held a virtual meeting with Councillor Llinos Medi, Leader of Anglesey Council, as part of the pre-consultation to brief her on the Emergency Cover Review.

- 7 On 4 July 2023, the Chair and the Deputy Chair met with the DCFO and officers to review the Corporate Risk register.
- 8 On 5 July 2023, the Chair and the CFO attended a hybrid meeting of the Social Partnership Forum chaired by the Deputy Minister. The agenda included Building Safety and an update on the actions the Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRA)'s have taken to mitigate the effect of fire contaminants.
- 9 On 27 July 2023, the Chair and the CFO held a virtual meeting with Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader of Gwynedd Council, to brief him on the Emergency Cover Review.
- 10 On 3 August 2023, the Chair and the Deputy Chair met with the Chair and the Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) at Rhyl Fire Station to discuss the Emergency Cover Review.
- 11 On 9 August 2023, the Chair and the Deputy Chair met with the Clerk to the Authority to adjudicate on a Stage 3 complaint.
- 12 On 16 August 2023, the Chair and the DCFO attended engagement events held in Wrexham as part of the public consultation into the Emergency Cover Review.
- 13 On 18 August 2023, the Chair and the Deputy Chair met with North Wales representatives of the 'National Association of Retired Firefighters' (NARF) to discuss the Emergency Cover Review. This was followed by a meeting of the Training Centre Working Group.
- 14 On 29 August 2023, the Deputy Chair and ACFO Helen MacArthur attended the engagement event held at Deeside as part of the consultation into the Emergency Cover Review.
- 15 On 7 September 2023, the Chair and the CFO attended the engagement event held in Llanberis as part of the public consultation into the Emergency Cover Review.
- 16 On 13 September 2023, the Chair and the CFO met with FBU representatives to discuss the forthcoming Executive Panel agenda.

- 17 On 14 September 2023, the Chair and the CFO met with the Deputy Minister in the Welsh Government offices in Llandudno, together with other Welsh Fire Service Chairs and CFO's. In the evening the Chair and the CFO attended the engagement event held in Beaumaris as part of the consultation into the Emergency Cover Review.
- 18 On 19 September 2023, the Chair and the Deputy Chair attended the Staff Awards Ceremony at Venue Cymru.
- 19 On 22 September 2023, the Deputy Chair attended the 'Ceremony of Achievement' at Chirk Fire Station and presented certificates to the youngsters who had completed the Phoenix course.
- 20 On 22 September 2023, the Chair remotely attended a meeting of the Fire Commission.
- 21 On 29 September 2023, the Chair attended the 'Ceremony of Achievement' at Llanfairfechan Fire Station and presented certificates to the youngsters who had completed the Phoenix course.
- 22 In addition, the Chair took part in a number of media interviews with ITV, BBC and Golwg about the Emergency Cover Review.

## IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	Not relevant.
Budget	Any costs associated with meetings and events attended by members are reimbursed from the travel and subsistence budget.
Legal	No specific implications arise from approving the recommendation.
Staffing	No specific implications arise from approving the recommendation.
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	No specific implications arise from approving the recommendation.
Risks	No specific risks arise from approving the recommendation.