



**Wednesday,
28 September 2022
10.30 am**

**Meeting of
Cheshire Fire Authority
Sadler Road
Winsford
CW7 2FQ**

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Cheshire Fire Authority

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MEETING OF THE CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022

Time : 10.30 am

Lecture Theatre - Training Centre, Sadler Road, Winsford, Cheshire CW7 2FQ

AGENDA

PART 1 - BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1A Recording of Meeting

Members are reminded that this meeting will be audio-recorded

1B Apologies for Absence

1C Chair's Announcements

To receive any announcements that the Chair wishes to make prior to the commencement of the formal business of the meeting

1D Declaration of Members' Interests

Members are reminded to disclose any interests that are relevant to any item on the Agenda

1E Questions from Members of the Public

To receive any questions submitted, in accordance with procedure rules 4.47 to 4.54 by members of the public within the area covered by the Fire Authority

1F Minutes of Fire Authority

(Pages 7 - 20)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Fire Authority

Meeting held on 22nd June 2022

Since the meeting took place a couple of Member Champions have changed. The Annex to these minutes reflects the current position.

1G Minutes of Staffing Committee

(Pages 21 - 24)

To receive, for information, the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 29th June 2022

1H Minutes of Performance and Overview Committee

(Pages 25 - 38)

To receive, for information, the minutes of the Performance and Overview Committee meetings held on 6th July and 7th September 2022

- 1I Minutes of Governance and Constitution Committee** (Pages 39 - 44)
To receive, for information, the minutes of the Governance and Constitution Committee meeting held on 12th July 2022

Since the meeting of the Governance and Constitution Committee took place Councillors Kath Buckley and Denis Murphy have requested that the dispensation (Item 2 in the minutes) is extended to include them.

DECISION:

That Members agree to extend the dispensation granted to Fire Authority Members on 29th January 2020, to Councillors Kath Buckley and Denis Murphy, thereby allowing them to take part in debates and votes on the approval of the Members' Allowances Scheme (and any changes and/or additions to it).

- 1J Minutes of Closure of Accounts Committee** (Pages 45 - 48)
To receive, for information, the minutes of the informal meeting of the Closure of Accounts Committee meeting held on 20th July 2022

- 1K Minutes of the Brigade Managers' Pay and Performance Committee** (Pages 49 - 50)
To receive, for information, the minutes of the Brigade Managers' Pay and Performance Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2022

- 1L Notes of the Member Training and Development Group** (Pages 51 - 54)
To receive, for information, the notes of the Member Training and Development Group meeting held on 5th July 2022

- 1M Notes of the Local Pension Board - Firefighters Pension Scheme** (Pages 55 - 58)
To receive, for information, the notes of the Local Pension Board - Firefighters Pension Scheme meeting held on 9th August 2022

ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION / DECISION

- 2 External Audit Findings Report 2021-22** (Pages 59 - 96)
- 3 Final Accounts 2021-22 and Annual Governance Statement** (Pages 97 - 204)
- 4 Annual Report 2021-22** (Pages 205 - 222)
- 5 Modern Slavery Statement** (Pages 223 - 228)
- 6 Appointment of Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive** (Pages 229 - 230)

PART 2 - BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE