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5.1 NORTH WEST FIRE FORUM

Role

5.1.1 This Forum oversees a number of collaborative workstreams being undertaken by the five Fire and Rescue Services in the North West. Meetings are scheduled to take place four times a year.

Appointment(s)

5.1.2 The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority together with the Leader of the main opposition group are appointed annually to sit on the Forum.

Delegated powers

5.1.3 The Authority has not delegated any powers to the Members appointed to this Forum.

5.2 NW FIRE CONTROL LIMITED – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Role

5.2.1 This Company is jointly owned by the Authority and Cumbria County Council, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority.

5.2.2 It is responsible for the provision of call handling and mobilising services to the Authorities.

5.2.3 It has a Board of Directors and each Authority is able to appoint two of its Members to the Board.

Appointment(s)

5.2.4 The Chair of the Authority and one other Member are appointed as Directors and sit on the Board.

Delegated powers

5.2.5 The Authority has not delegated any powers to the Members appointed to this Board. However, the Company is a separate legal entity and the Members appointed to the Board have responsibilities to the Company.

5.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FIRE COMMISSION

Role

5.3.1 The Fire Commission provides a focus for the needs and concerns of fire authorities. All Fire and Rescue Services in full or corporate membership of the Association have the right to nominate a

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representative to this forum. At Cheshire this is usually the Chair of the Authority. Additional Members from Fire Authorities are appointed as necessary by the political group to ensure political balance. The Commission meets quarterly and is an opportunity for Members to network and share information and ideas. The Commission is subject to the Constitution and Standing Orders of the Local Government Association.

Appointment(s)

5.3.2 The Fire Authority appoints one Member (usually the Chair) to sit on the Commission.

Delegated powers

5.3.3 The Authority has not delegated any powers to the Member appointed to the Commission.

5.4 SAFER CHESHIRE EAST PARTNERSHIP

Role

5.4.1 The Partnership's key priorities will include crime prevention, anti-social behaviour, preventing offending, Road Safety and domestic abuse.

Appointment(s)

5.4.2 The Fire Authority is represented by a Senior Officer and a (Cheshire East) Fire Authority Member is also appointed by the Fire Authority.

Delegated powers

5.4.3 The Authority has not delegated any powers to the Member appointed to this Partnership.

5.5 SUB REGIONAL LEADERS BOARD

Role

5.5.1 The Board provides strategic direction and focus on sub regional matters for any sub regional commissions, working groups, sub committees or project steering groups, or task and finish groups established to develop and implement sub regional strategy. The Board comprises of elected Leaders of Cheshire East Council, Cheshire West and Chester Council and Warrington Borough Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, Chair of the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Chair of Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership and the Chair of the Cheshire, Warrington & Wirral PCT Cluster. In addition the Leader of Halton Borough Council has membership of the Board in an Associate Capacity.

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Appointment(s)

5.5.2 The Fire Authority is represented by the Chair on this board.

Delegated powers

5.5.3 The Authority has not delegated any powers to the Member appointed to the Board.