

FIRE AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

GROUPS - LAB 12, CON 8, IND 2 (PLUS 1 LIB DEM)

APPOINTMENTS BY CONSTITUENT AUTHORITIES

Appointed by Cheshire East Borough Council (3 Lab, 4 Con, 2 Ind)

Labour	Conservative	Independent
Cllr Marilyn Houston	Cllr Rachel Bailey	Cllr John Bird
Cllr Nick Mannion	Cllr David Brown	Cllr Rob Moreton
Cllr Laura Smith	Cllr Peter Coan	
	Cllr Margaret Simon	

Appointed by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (4 Lab, 3 Con)

Labour	Conservative
Cllr Sherin Akhtar	Cllr Razia Daniels
Cllr Steve Collings	Cllr Stuart Parker
Cllr Gina Lewis	Cllr Norman Wright
Cllr Peter Wheeler	

Appointed by Halton Borough Council (3 Lab)

Labour

Cllr Phil Harris
Cllr Stef Nelson
Cllr Rob Polhill

Appointed by Warrington Borough Council (2 Lab, 1 Con, 1 Lib Dem)

Labour	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Brian Gallagher	Cllr Kath Buckley	Cllr Peter Walker
Cllr Karen Mundry		

APPOINTMENTS

Chair: Cllr Stef Nelson

Deputy Chair: Cllr Gina Lewis

Group	Labour	Conservative	Independent
Spokespersons:	Cllr Stef Nelson	Cllr Stuart Parker	Cllr Rob Moreton

Lead Members:	Cheshire East Borough Council	Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council	Halton Borough Council	Warrington Borough Council
	Cllr Nick Mannion	Cllr Gina Lewis	Cllr Stef Nelson	Cllr Brian Gallagher

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND GROUPS 2023-24

BODIES COVERED BY POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY RULES

PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE – 8 Members and 1 independent (non-elected) member

Chair: Cllr Phil Harris

Deputy Chair: Cllr Peter Wheeler

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Razia Daniels	Cllr Steve Collings	Cllr John Bird
Cllr Margaret Simon	Cllr Phil Harris	
Cllr Norman Wright	Cllr Nick Mannion	
	Cllr Peter Wheeler	

Independent (non-elected) Member

Derek Barnett

Substitute Members for Performance and Overview Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Peter Coan	Cllr Rob Polhill	Cllr Rob Moreton

GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 7 Members and 1 independent (non-elected) member

Chair: Cllr Rob Polhill

Deputy Chair: Cllr Peter Wheeler

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Cllr Rachel Bailey	Cllr Sherin Akhtar	Cllr Peter Walker
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Brian Gallagher	
	Cllr Rob Polhill	
	Cllr Peter Wheeler	

Independent (non-elected) Member

Derek Barnett

Substitute Members for Governance and Constitution Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Cllr Razia Daniels	Cllr Laura Smith

BRIGADE MANAGERS' PAY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 7 Members

It is the usual convention that the Committee includes the Fire Authority Chair, Deputy Chair, and Group Spokesperson(s).

Chair: Cllr Stef Nelson

Deputy Chair: Cllr Gina Lewis

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Stuart Parker MBE	Cllr Gina Lewis	Cllr Rob Moreton
Cllr Margaret Simon	Cllr Karen Mundry	
	Cllr Stef Nelson	
	Cllr Peter Wheeler	

Substitute Members for Brigade Managers' Pay & Performance Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Kath Buckley	Cllr Laura Smith	Cllr John Bird

ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE – 8 Members and 1 independent (non-elected) member

Chair: Cllr Karen Mundry

Deputy Chair: Cllr Marilyn Houston

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Peter Coan	Cllr Marilyn Houston	Cllr Rob Moreton
Cllr Stuart Parker MBE	Cllr Karen Mundry	
Cllr Norman Wright	Cllr Stef Nelson	
	Cllr Peter Wheeler	

Independent (non-elected) Member

Derek Barnett

Substitute Members for Estates and Property Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Margaret Simon	Cllr Phil Harris	Cllr John Bird

Note: It may be helpful for appointments to this body to include the four Lead Members and the Procurement and Environment Member Champions

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – 4 Members

Chair: Cllr Peter Wheeler Deputy Chair: Cllr Phil Harris

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Cllr Rachel Bailey	Cllr Phil Harris
Cllr Kath Buckley	Cllr Peter Wheeler

Substitute Members for Joint Consultative Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Cllr Stuart Parker MBE	Cllr Rob Polhill

BODIES NOT COVERED BY POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY RULES

MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP – 5 Members and 1 Independent (non-elected) Member

Chair: Cllr Laura Smith

Cllr Kath Buckley	Cllr Peter Coan	Cllr Rob Moreton
Cllr Karen Mundry	Cllr Laura Smith	

Independent (non-elected) Member

Derek Barnett

PHOENIX BOXING CLUB BOARD – 2 Members (Warrington Members only)

Members		Substitutes	
Cllr Brian Gallagher	Cllr Karen Mundry	Cllr Kath Buckley	Cllr Peter Walker

HEALTHY HEART RUNCORN TRAINING GYM BOARD – 1 Member (Halton Members only)

Member	Cllr Stef Nelson
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PENSION BOARD – 1 Member

Member	Cllr David Brown
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SPRINKLER GROUP – 4 Members (one from each constituent authority)

Members	
Cllr Brian Gallagher	Cllr Gina Lewis
Cllr Stef Nelson	Cllr Rachel Bailey

EQUALITY STEERING GROUP – 2 Members

Member	
Cllr Marilyn Houston	Cllr Razia Daniels

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE – 1 Member

Member	Cllr Rob Moreton
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BODIES WHERE NO APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee fulfils this role.

STAFFING COMMITTEE – 7 Members

The Brigade Managers' Pay and Performance Committee sits as the Staffing Committee.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 4 Members

The Audit Committee is comprised of 4 Members appointed from and by the Governance and Constitution Committee (plus an independent audit committee member).

BUSINESS CONTINUITY COMMITTEE

The membership of the Business Continuity Committee comprises the Chair, Deputy Chair, Group Spokesperson(s) and Lead Member(s). The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis, as required.

UNITARY PERFORMANCE GROUPS

The Unitary Performance Groups are the performance delivery groups in each of the unitary authorities and are chaired by the local Unitary Performance Manager, and attended by the local Members for that area.

OUTSIDE BODIES – INFORMATION

REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS – NORTH WEST

(A) NORTH WEST FIRE FORUM

This forum oversees collaborative work being undertaken by the fire and rescue services in the North West.

NB: 3 representatives only - Chair, Deputy Chair and Leader of Main Opposition

Members
Chair of Fire Authority – Cllr Stef Nelson
Deputy Chair of the Fire Authority – Cllr Gina Lewis
Leader of Main Opposition – Cllr Stuart Parker MBE

(B) NW FIRE CONTROL LTD – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Company is jointly owned by the Authority and Cumbria County Council, Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority. It is responsible for the provision of call handling and mobilising services to the Authorities. It has a Board of Directors and each Authority is able to appoint two of its Members to the Board.

NB: 2 representatives only - Chair + 1

Members
Chair of the Fire Authority – Cllr Stef Nelson
Deputy Chair of the Fire Authority – Cllr Gina Lewis

REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

(C) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) - FIRE COMMISSION

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

Member
Chair of Fire Authority – Cllr Stef Nelson

(D) SAFER CHESHIRE EAST PARTNERSHIP

Safer Cheshire East Partnership is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Cheshire Fire Authority is a statutory partner. The Fire Authority is represented by a Senior Officer and a (Cheshire East) Fire Authority Member is also appointed by the Fire Authority. The partnership meets on a 6-monthly basis and its key priorities include crime prevention, anti-social behaviour, preventing offending, road safety and domestic abuse.

NOTE: Cheshire East is reviewing the arrangements for the Safer Cheshire East Partnership.

Member
Cllr Nick Mannion

(E) SUB-REGIONAL PUBLIC LEADERSHIP BOARD

The Board provides strategic direction and focus on sub-regional matters for any sub-regional commissions, working groups, sub-committees, 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, the Chair of 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.

Member
Chair of the Fire Authority – Cllr Stef Nelson

MEMBER CHAMPION ROLES

Equality and Diversity (2 Members) Sits on Equality Steering Group	Cllr Marilyn Houston Cllr Razia Daniels
Health and Safety Sits on Health and Safety Committee	Cllr Rob Moreton
Information and ICT	Cllr Rob Polhill
Environment	Cllr Karen Mundry
Procurement	Cllr Laura Smith
Finance (2 Members)	Cllr Stef Nelson Cllr Kath Buckley
Older People	Cllr Peter Walker
Young People	Cllr Sherin Akhtar
Performance Management	Cllr Phil Harris
Commercial/Business Risk Reduction	Cllr Stuart Parker MBE
Industrial Relations (JCC Chair)	Cllr Peter Wheeler
Road Safety	Cllr Nick Mannion
Pensions (Local Pension Board Chair)	Cllr David Brown
Sprinklers	Cllr Brian Gallagher
Rural	Cllr Rachel Bailey
Mental Health	Cllr Sherin Akhtar