

FIRE AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP 2024-2025

GROUPS - LAB 13, CON 7, IND 2 (PLUS 1 LIB DEM)

APPOINTMENTS BY CONSTITUENT AUTHORITIES

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

Labour

Cllr Laura Crane
Cllr Nick Mannion
Cllr Geoff Smith

Conservative

Cllr Rachel Bailey
Cllr David Brown
Cllr Peter Coan
Cllr Margaret Simon

Independent

Cllr John Bird
Cllr Mick Warren

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

Labour

Cllr Sherin Akhtar
Cllr Steve Collings
Cllr Gina Lewis
Cllr Peter Wheeler

Conservative

Cllr Razia Daniels
Cllr Phil Marshall
Cllr Phil Rimmer

Appointed by Halton Borough Council (3 Lab)

Labour

Cllr Phil Harris
Cllr Stef Nelson
Cllr Rob Polhill

Appointed by Warrington Borough Council (3 Lab, 1 Lib Dem)

Labour

Cllr Karen Mundry
Cllr Mo Hussain
Cllr Sagheer Zaman

Liberal Democrat

Cllr Peter Walker

APPOINTMENTS

Chair: Cllr Stef Nelson

Deputy Chair: Cllr Gina Lewis

Group

Spokespersons:

Labour

Cllr Stef Nelson

Conservative

Cllr Rachel Bailey

Independent

Cllr Mick Warren

Lead Members:

Cheshire East
Borough Council

Cllr Nick Mannion

Cheshire West and
Chester Borough
Council

Cllr Steve Collings

Halton Borough
Council

Cllr Stef Nelson

Warrington
Borough
Council

Cllr Sagheer
Zaman

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND GROUPS 2024-25

BODIES COVERED BY POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY RULES

PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE – 8 Members and 1 independent member

Chair: Cllr Phil Harris

Deputy Chair: Cllr Peter Wheeler

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Razia Daniels	Cllr Phil Harris	Cllr John Bird
Cllr Margaret Simon	Cllr Nick Mannion	
Cllr Phil Rimmer	Cllr Mo Hussain	
	Cllr Peter Wheeler	

independent member
Derek Barnett

Substitute Members for Performance and Overview Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Peter Coan	Cllr Rob Polhill	Cllr Mick Warren

GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 7 Members and 1 independent member

Chair: Cllr Rob Polhill

Deputy Chair: Cllr Sherin Akhtar

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

independent member
Derek Barnett

Substitute Members for Governance and Constitution Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Cllr Razia Daniels	Cllr Geoff 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 Rachel Bailey	Cllr Gina Lewis	Cllr Mick Warren
Cllr Margaret Simon	Cllr Karen Mundry	
	Cllr Stef Nelson	
	Cllr Peter Wheeler	

Substitute Members for Brigade Managers' Pay & Performance Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Phil Marshall	Cllr Laura Crane	Cllr John Bird

ESTATES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE – 8 Members and 1 independent member

Chair: Cllr Karen Mundry

Deputy Chair: Cllr Laura Crane

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Peter Coan	Cllr Steve Collings	Cllr John Bird
Cllr Phil Marshall	Cllr Laura Crane	
	Cllr Gina Lewis	
	Cllr Karen Mundry	
	Cllr Stef Nelson	

independent member
Derek Barnett

Substitute Members for Estates and Property Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Cllr Margaret Simon	Cllr Phil Harris	Cllr Mick Warren

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	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Cllr Phil Marshall	Cllr Phil Harris	Cllr Peter Walker
	Cllr Peter Wheeler	

Substitute Members for Joint Consultative Committee

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Cllr David Brown	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 Geoff Smith

Cllr Peter Coan	Cllr Karen Mundry	Cllr Geoff Smith	Cllr Phil Rimmer
	independent member		

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

Members		Substitutes	
Cllr Karen Mundry	Cllr Sagheer Zaman	Cllr Mo Hussain	Cllr Peter Walker

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

Member	Cllr Stef Nelson
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PENSION BOARD – 1 Member

Member	Cllr Nick Mannion
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SPRINKLER GROUP – 4 Members (one from each constituent authority)

Chair: Cllr Gina Lewis

Members	
Cllr Rachel Bailey	Cllr Gina Lewis
Cllr Stef Nelson	Cllr Sagheer Zaman

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GROUP – 2 Members

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Cllr Razia Daniels	Cllr Laura Crane

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE – 1 Member

Member
Cllr Geoff Smith

BODIES WHERE NO APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED

CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee now 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 Governance and Constitution Committee

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 Performance Areas 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 Rachel Bailey

(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 2024-25

Equality and Diversity (2 Members) Sits on Equality Steering Group	Cllr Laura Crane Cllr Razia Daniels
Health and Safety Sits on Health and Safety Committee	Cllr Geoff Smith
Information and ICT	Cllr Rob Polhill
Environment	Cllr Karen Mundry
Procurement	Cllr Steve Collings
Finance (2 Members)	Cllr Steve Collings Cllr David Brown
Older People	Cllr Peter Walker
Young People	Cllr Sherin Akhtar
Performance Management	Cllr Phil Harris
Commercial/Business Risk Reduction	Cllr Phil Marshall
Industrial Relations (JCC Chair)	Cllr Peter Wheeler
Road Safety	Cllr Nick Mannion
Pensions (Local Pension Board Chair)	Cllr Nick Mannion
Sprinklers	Cllr Gina Lewis
Rural	Cllr Phil Rimmer
Mental Health	Cllr John Bird