

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 | |

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| 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 | |

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| independent member |
| Derek Barnett |

Substitute Members for Governance and Constitution Committee

| CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Cllr Phil Marshall | Cllr Phil Harris | Cllr Peter Walker |
| | Cllr Peter Wheeler | |

Substitute Members for Joint Consultative Committee

| CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR |
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| 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

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| 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)

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| Member | Cllr Stef Nelson |
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PENSION BOARD – 1 Member

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

Chair: Cllr Gina Lewis

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

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION GROUP – 2 Members

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| CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR |
| Cllr Razia Daniels | Cllr Laura Crane |

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE – 1 Member

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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.

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| 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.

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| Member |
| Chair of the Fire Authority – Cllr Stef Nelson |

MEMBER CHAMPION ROLES 2024-25

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| 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 |