

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY
DATE: 25TH APRIL 2018
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
AUTHOR: ANDREW LEADBETTER

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT (NON-ELECTED) MEMBER

Purpose of Report

1. To allow Members to consider the appointment of an Independent (non-elected) Member (IM).

Recommended: That Members

- [1] appoint Derek Alan Barnett as an Independent (non-elected) member for a term of office of four years.

Background

2. Members will recall that Aimee Ruddy stepped down from her role as IM.
3. The Governance and Constitution Committee has arranged the recruitment of a replacement IM and three members of the Committee held interviews on 11th April 2018.

Information

4. The Member interview panel agreed that it wished to recommend the appointment of Derek Alan Barnett as an IM to the Fire Authority.

Information

5. Derek Alan Barnett has previously worked as a police officer for Cheshire Constabulary, rising to the rank of Chief Superintendent. He spent a period in a national role as President of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales seconded to the Home Office developing policy and being involved in reform. The majority of his working life has involved Derek serving the public. He was awarded an OBE in 2013.
6. Derek is also an Independent Person for Cheshire West and Chester Council providing oversight of the management and resolution of complaints about elected members of parish and borough councils.

Financial Implications

7. There is a small cost of having IMs. This is adequately covered in the budget.

Legal Implications

8. The involvement of IMs is not a legal requirement. The Fire Authority is required to uphold high standards and the role of IMs is associated with this and may provide members of the public with greater confidence about standards and decision making generally.

Equality and Diversity and Environmental Implications

9. There are no equality and diversity or environmental implications associated with this report.

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