

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
DATE: 29TH JANUARY 2020
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT (NON-ELECTED) MEMBER –
FURTHER TERM OF OFFICE

Purpose of Report

1. To enable Members to consider the request by Lesley Thomson to serve a further four year term of office as an independent (non-elected) member (IM).

Recommended: That Members

- [1] determine whether they wish to recommend to the Fire Authority that Lesley Thomson serve a further term of office as an independent (non-elected) member.

Background

2. Lesley Thomson was appointed as an IM by the Authority on 15th June 2016 for a term of office of four years. The Authority reviewed the roles of IMs in 2016 and agreed that they were able to apply to serve a further four year term.

Information

3. Lesley has informed officers that she wishes to serve a further term as an IM.
4. Lesley has been an active participant during her term of office.
5. Appendix 1 to the report provides details of Lesley's attendance at meetings that she was required to attend since she was appointed. It also contains details of other meetings that she attended.
6. There are a couple of periods where Lesley was absent as she was receiving medical treatment at the time.
7. Lesley has also attended additional events such as station open days, training events and Prince's Trust graduation ceremonies.

Financial Implications

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

Legal Implications

9. 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 Implications

10. There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this report.

Environmental Implications

11. There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE