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## **Combined Fire Authority**

**10 June 2021**

### **Appointment of Chairs and Committees**

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#### **Report of the Clerk to the Authority**

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##### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to approve the Chairs of the Committees for the Authority for 2021/22.

##### **Background**

2. The political membership of the Committees is determined by the overall political balance of the Authority which is agreed in consultation with Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council as shown at Appendix 1.
3. The Authority is required to appoint a Chair to the following:
  - a. Appeals Committee
  - b. Audit and Finance Committee
  - c. Human Resources Committee
  - d. Joint Consultative Committee
  - e. Pension Board
  - f. Performance Committee
4. The Chair of the Appointments Panel and Salary Review Group is the Chair to the Authority as set out in the Constitution Section 3, Paragraphs 5 and 6 respectively.

## Recommendation

5. Members are requested to:

- i. **Appoint** the Chairs for 2021/22 for:
  - a. Appeals Committee
  - b. Audit and Finance Committee
  - c. Human Resources Committee
  - d. Joint Consultative Committee
  - e. Pension Board
  - f. Performance Committee
- ii. **Agree** the appointment of the Chair of the Authority as Chair to the Appointments Panel and Salary Review Group in accordance with the Constitution Section 3, Paragraphs 5 and 6 respectively.
- iii. **Agree** that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority and the appropriate Group Leader be authorised to make any changes to the Committees that may arise during 2021/22.

**Appendix 1**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Labour Group Representation</b>	<b>Conservative Group Representation</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat Group Representation</b>	<b>Durham Independent Group Representation</b>	<b>Darlington Group Representation</b>
<b>Appointments Panel</b> (4 Members)					
<b>Appeals</b> (6 Members)					
<b>Audit and Finance</b> (6 Members)					
<b>Human Resources</b> (6 Members)					
<b>Performance</b> (6 members)					
<b>Joint Consultative Committee</b> (7 Members)					
<b>Pension Board</b> (2 Members)					
<b>Salary Review Group</b> (3 Members)					

## Notes to Appendix 1

All Committees must have a Member from Darlington and a Member from Durham.

The political balance for each Committee is as follows:

Appointments Panel	Under the Authority's Constitution the Panel consists of The Chair of the Authority; the Vice-Chair of the Authority; At least one member from each constituent local authority; and a member representing the minority parties unless this is achieved through any of the above Members;
Appeals	6 seats: 3 Lab; 1 Cons; 1 Lib Dem; 1 Durham Group;
Audit & Finance	6 seats: 3 Lab; 1 Cons; 1 Lib Dem; 1 Durham Group;
Human Resources	6 seats: 3 Lab; 1 Cons; 1 Lib Dem; 1 Durham Group;
Performance	6 seats: 3 Lab; 1 Cons; 1 Lib Dem; 1 Durham Group;
JCC	7 seats: 3 Lab; 2 Cons; 1 Lib Dem; 1 Durham Group;
Pension Board	2 seats: 1 Lab; 1 Cons
Salary Review Group	3 Seats – under the Authority's Constitution the Panel consists of the Chair of the Authority; the Vice Chair of the Authority; A Darlington Member

A committee member who is Darlington Conservative would fulfil the requirement for both Conservative Group and Darlington Group representative.

A committee member who is Darlington Labour would fulfil the requirement for both Labour Group and Darlington Group representative.