



Safest People, Safest Places

Combined Fire Authority

20th July 2021

Member Induction

Report of the Policy Support Officer

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the proposed arrangements for the Combined Fire Authority (CFA) Member inductions

Background

2. The CFA provides Members with an opportunity to shape the future of Fire and Rescue Services in County Durham and Darlington.
3. County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) provides a number of services to local communities which the CFA has overall accountability for and it is important that CFA Members fully understand their role and the complex legal and statutory framework that underpins the work of the Authority.
4. To assist Members in their duties and as part of their development in the role there is a requirement for Members to undertake an induction to ensure that they have the background knowledge to be able to undertake their role effectively.

Proposed Member Induction

5. The Induction programme will be delivered through the issuing of relevant information and a series of presentations, as follows:
 - Issue of Member Handbook, including online links to further reading.
 - Introduction to the Service sessions via Teams
 - A more detailed overview session with your Member Buddy via Teams
 - Subject and Committee specific sessions

- Local Government Association training
- 6. Our induction will complement the training you will receive from your Council on issues such as Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, and Health and Safety.
- 7. If Members have any questions in relation to the induction they should contact the Policy Support Officer, Alison Baxter on 0191 375 5571 or the Personal Assistants on 0191 375 5555.

Recommendations

8. Members are requested to note the arrangements for Member Induction

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