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Appointment of Committees, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmanships, Deputies and Other Appointments

Report of the Clerk

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1 Summary

1.1 This report seeks approval to the proportional allocation of members to the Authority's Finance and General Purposes, Governance, Human Resources, Performance Review and Scrutiny and Standards Committees, to the appointment of members and, if required deputies to serve on each, the appointment of their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and to various other appointments.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That, for the purposes of Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the allocation of seats on the Finance and General Purposes, Governance, Human Resources, Performance Review and Scrutiny and Standards Committees of the Authority be as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report.

2.2 That the Authority re-appoint members of the Finance and General Purposes, Governance, Human Resources, Performance Review and Scrutiny and Standards Committees and their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen as appropriate.

2.3 That the Authority appoint members to each of the 13 Crime and Disorder Reduction/Community Safety Partnerships currently operated by the 11 districts and 2 unitary authorities in Hampshire on the same basis as previously.

2.4 That the Corporate Management Team (CMT) shall include the following leading Members, the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Authority, Chairmen of Finance and General Purposes, Human Resources and Performance Review and Scrutiny Committees, two Liberal Democrat Members and a Labour Member representative. [Note: the Chairman of the Asset Management Working Group is also to be invited on an ad hoc basis for any relevant CMT item(s)].

2.5 That, in response to the South East Fire and Rescue Control Centre Limited (LACC) being wound-up at its meeting on 18 February, 2011, authority be delegated to the Chief Officer and Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Authority to take any further formal actions which may be required to close-down the company.

3 Size and Political Composition of Committees

- 3.1 Following the recent Portsmouth and Southampton City Council elections in May 2011, the political composition of the HFRA remains unchanged as 15 Conservative, 8 Liberal Democrat and 2 Labour. From the County Council there have been no changes. Portsmouth City Council have re-appointed Councillors F. Jonas (C) and D. Fuller (LD) and appointed Councillor Jacqui Hancock (LD) in place of former Councillor A. Fraser. Southampton City Council have re-appointed Councillors R. Smith (C) and J. Moulton (C) and appointed Councillor K. Morrell (L) in place of former Councillor P. Marsh-Jenks. The names of the Hampshire County, Portsmouth and Southampton City Council Members now serving on the HFRA appear as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The political proportionality provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply to the Authority. These require, inter alia, that where one political group has an overall majority, that group must have a majority on any Committee. Whilst proportional requirements do not strictly apply for the Standards Committee, the Authority's practice in the past has been to make appointments to the Committee on a proportional basis. The Committee also currently includes 3 independent members, one of whom is the Chairman, as required by law.
- 3.3 The Authority's Standing Orders require that, unless otherwise determined by the Authority, each Committee shall include one member from each of the constituent authorities. Notwithstanding this, currently there is no Southampton member on either the Standards Committee, Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee or Human Resources Committee and no Portsmouth member on either the Finance and General Purposes Committee or the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committees. The Authority may wish to have regard to this in making their appointments.
- 3.4 The number of seats on the Authority's existing Committees is set out below and will remain unchanged as:-

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Conservative Group (15)</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group (8)</u>	<u>Labour Group (2)</u>
Finance and General Purposes	6	4	0
Human Resources	7	4	1
Performance Review	5	3	1
Governance	5	3	1
Standards (plus 3 Independent Members)	3	2	1

4 **Appointment of Deputies**

- 4.1 In respect of the two Cities, where they have had only one representative on a Committee, it has sometimes been the practice to appoint a deputy. The Authority may wish to take this into consideration in making their appointments. The former membership of the five Committees etc, as previously appointed, appears as Appendix 2.

5 **Other Authority Appointments**

- 5.1 Corporate Management Team – The Group meets as a preliminary sounding board with senior officers to develop policies, plans and recommendations for subsequent presentation to the Authority. It is informal and was originally established to make progress with the Authority's Integrated Risk Management Plan. It has also been used as a useful cross-party group to discuss and deal with matters of urgency. The Authority is being asked to appoint the following leading Members to the CMT :-

Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen of the Authority, Chairmen of Finance and General Purposes, Human Resources and Performance Review and Scrutiny Committees, two Liberal Democrat Members and a Labour Member representative. It is also proposed to invite the Chairman of the Asset Management Working Group of Finance and General Purposes Committee on an ad hoc basis for any relevant item(s) of business.

- 5.2 The Authority is asked to nominate 2 Liberal Democrat and a Labour Party representative for the minority political groups representation on CMT.
- 5.3 Crime and Disorder Reduction/Community Safety Partnerships – The Authority has appointed one, and in some cases two, of its members to serve on each of the 13 partnerships currently operated by the 11 district and 2 unitary authorities in the Authority's area. They are seen as an important way to achieve and improve the delivery of "joined-up" services to the local community and enable resources to be targeted using the most appropriate skills.
- 5.4 The Authority is asked to re-appoint members to the 13 Crime and Disorder Reduction/Community Safety Partnerships.
- 5.5 South East Fire and Rescue Control Limited (LACC) – Following the demise of Regional Control Centres, the South East Fire and Rescue Control Centre Limited upon which this Authority was represented by Councillor R. Price was wound-up at its meeting on 18 February, 2011. However, there are several further formal actions which are likely to be required to close down the company. In response to this, it is proposed to give delegated authority to the Chief Officer and Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Authority, to take any necessary further actions which may be required.
- 5.6 Minority Party Spokesmen - The Liberal Democrat and Labour Groups are asked to fill the vacancies for these positions and to inform the Clerk accordingly.

6 **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 These proposals are not considered to give rise to any issues in the context of the provisions of the human rights and equalities legislation.

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Section 100D – Local Government Act 1972 – background papers

The following documents disclose the facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and has been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report.

N.B. The list excludes:

Published works.

Documents that disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.

TITLE	FILE
None	

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority**Membership****Hampshire County Council (19)**

I. Beagley
A.S. Carew
C. Carter
K. Chapman
Sam Darragh
A. Evans
L. Fairhurst
J. Frankum
D. Harrison
R. Kimber

T. Knight
R. McIntosh
E. Neal
F. Pearce
R.H. Price
D. Simpson
Mrs. M. Tucker
A. Weeks
J.K. West

Portsmouth City Council (3)

Jacqui Hancock (formerly A. Fraser)
D. Fuller
F. Jonas

Southampton City Council (3)

J Moulton
R. Smith
K. Morrell (formerly P. Marsh-Jenks)

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

Finance and General Purposes Committee

I. Beagley (Chairman)
A.S. Carew
C. Carter
F. Jonas (Vice-Chairman)
J. Moulton (Southampton)
F. Pearce
R. Price
D. Simpson
R. Smith (Southampton)
A. Weeks

Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee

I. Beagley
K. Chapman (Chairman)
Sam Darragh
A. Evans (Vice-Chairman)
J. Frankum
T. Knight
E. Neal
D. Simpson
A. Weeks

Standards Committee

C. Carter
J. Frankum
Vacancy (previously A. Fraser (Portsmouth))
D. Harrison
F. Jonas (Portsmouth)
R. Kimber

Governance Committee

A.S. Carew
L. Fairhurst (Vice-Chairman)
D. Fuller (Portsmouth)
D. Harrison
T. Knight
Vacancy (previously P. Marsh-Jenks
(Southampton))
R. McIntosh (Chairman)
R. Smith (Southampton)
Mrs M Tucker

Human Resources Committee

A.S. Carew
K. Chapman (Vice-Chairman)
Sam Darragh
A. Evans (Chairman)
L. Fairhurst
J. Frankum
Vacancy (previously A. Fraser
(Portsmouth))
D. Fuller (Portsmouth)
R. Kimber
E. Neal
M. Tucker
J.K. West

Independent Members (3)

M. James (Chairman)
R. Farrall
M. Quick

**Crime and Disorder Reduction Community
Safety Partnerships**

Basingstoke - K. Chapman
 East Hampshire - J. West
 Eastleigh - D. Harrison
 Fareham - R. Price
 Gosport - A. Carter
 Hart - D. Simpson
 Havant - F. Pearce
 New Forest - A. Weeks
 Portsmouth – **Vacancy (formerly A. Fraser
 and D. Fuller)**
 Rushmoor - R. Kimber
 Southampton - R. Smith
Test Valley - Vacancy
Winchester - Vacancy

Corporate Management Team

R. Smith (Chairman of Authority)
 I. Beagley (Vice-Chairman of
 Authority and Chairman of
 Finance and General Purposes
 Committee)
 K. Chapman (Chairman of
 Performance Review and
 Scrutiny Committee)
 A. Evans (Vice-Chairman of Authority
 and
 Chairman of Human Resources
 Committee)
 F. Jonas - Chairman of Asset
 Management Working Group)
 R. Price (Liberal Democrat Member)
 D. Simpson (Liberal Democrat
 Member)
 Vacancy (formerly P. Marsh-Jenks
 (Southampton) (Labour
 Member Representative)