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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 deputies to serve on each, the appointment of their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen and to various other appointments.
- 1.2 You will recall the Authority on 10 February 2010 appointed Mr M James as the Independent Member Chairman of the Standards Committee. It has invited that Committee to appoint its Vice-Chairman from one of the other two newly appointed Independent Members. The Standards Committee is set to make this appointment at its next meeting on 18 June 210.
- 1.3 Some changes to the terms of reference of Committees are expected to be agreed by the Authority following the previous item to this meeting (Item 11 refers).

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 (other than for Standards which is to appoint its own Vice-Chairman next time) as appropriate.
- 2.3 That the Authority appoint one member 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) of leading Members continue as previously; the Team to comprise the Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen of the Authority, Chairman of Human Resources Committee and also a Member of

Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee, Chairman of the Asset Management Working Group of Finance and General Purposes Committee (position currently held by one of the Authority Vice-Chairman), two Liberal Democrat Members and the Labour Member spokesman.

- 2.5 That the Authority appoint a member to serve on the Local Authority Controlled Company in relation to the governance and management of the Regional Control Centre.

3 **Size and Political Composition of Committees**

- 3.1 Following the recent Portsmouth and Southampton City Council elections in May 2010, the political composition of the HFRA has changed and is now 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), D. Fuller (LD) and A. Fraser (LD). Southampton City Council have re-appointed Councillor R. Smith (C) and P. Marsh-Jenks (L) and appointed Councillor J Moulton (C) in place of P. Galton (LD). 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. The Act requires allocations to be made according to the following principles:

- (a) Not all the seats are allocated to the same political group;
- (b) The majority of seats go to the political group having a majority on the Authority;
- (c) Subject to the above two principles, that the number of seats on the total of all the ordinary Committees of the Authority allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Authority;
- (d) Subject to the above three principles, that the number of seats on each ordinary Committee of the Authority allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to that group's membership of the Authority. However, in respect of the Standards Committee the proportionality principle has been relaxed and unlike the other Committees its membership includes 3 independent members, one of whom is required to be the Chairman.

- 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 or Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee and no Portsmouth member on either the Finance and General Purposes Committee or the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committees. The Authority will wish to have regard to this in making their appointments.

- 3.4 In accordance with the principles in 3.2 above and the new political proportionality of the Authority, it is proposed to allocate seats to Committees in the way indicated below. The current number of seats on the Authority's existing Committees is set out in brackets.

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Conservative Group (14)</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group (9)</u>	<u>Labour Group (2)</u>
	15	8	2
Finance and General Purposes	6 (6)	4 (4)	0 (0)
Human Resources	7 (6)	4 (4)	1 (1)
Performance Review	5 (5)	3 (3)	1 (1)
Governance	5 (5)	3 (3)	1 (1)
Standards (plus 3 Independent Members)	3 (3)	2 (2)	1 (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 Authority has previously agreed that leading members (the Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, Chairman of Human Resources Committee and also a Member of Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee, Chairman of the Asset Management Working Group of Finance and General Purposes Committee, two Liberal Democrat Members and the Labour Group Spokesman would meet as a preliminary sounding board with senior officers to develop policies, plans and recommendations for subsequent presentation to the Authority. This informal working group – called the Corporate Management Team – 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. There has in the past been a standing invitation from CMT for any Member of the Authority to attend any of their meetings. Following consultation with the Chairman, it is proposed that in the future this invitation should be extended to any Member where they have a particular interest or involvement in a matter on the agenda for that meeting. This is to ensure that CMT meetings remain focused on strategic issues for consideration by leading Members. It is recommended that Corporate Management Team continues on these slightly revised terms.

- 5.2 The Authority is asked to nominate 2 Liberal Democrat and the Labour Party spokesman 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 Regional Control Centre – Governance and Management – The governance and management arrangements for the future Regional Control Centre is provided by a Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC). The Company is composed of Member representatives from each of the nine Fire and Rescue Authorities in the South East as well as a Regional Control Centre Manager. Councillor R.A. Price is currently the HFRA representative on the LACC and the Authority may wish to re-appoint this Member to this position for a further twelve month period.
- 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 An impact assessment has been made on the proposals in the paper and shown that they are not discriminatory. They are considered compatible with the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

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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. Carew
C. Carter
K. Chapman
A. Evans
L. Fairhurst
J. Frankum
D. Harrison
R. Kimber

D.A. Kirk
R. McIntosh
S. Payne
F. Pearce
R.H. Price
D. Simpson
M. Tucker
A. Weeks
J. West
P. West

Portsmouth City Council (3)

A. Fraser
D. Fuller
F. Jonas

Southampton City Council (3)

J Moulton
R. Smith
P. Marsh-Jenks

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP
AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

**Finance and General Purposes Committee -
(No change proposed)**

(Previously 6:4:0)
I. Beagley (Chairman)
A. Carew
C. Carter
A Evans (Vice-Chairman)
L. Fairhurst
F. Pearce
R. Price
D. Simpson
R. Smith (Southampton)
A. Weeks

**Performance Review and Scrutiny
Committee - (No change proposed)**

(Previously 5:3:1)
I. Beagley
K. Chapman
A. Evans
J. Frankum
D.A. Kirk (Chairman)
Sam Payne
D. Simpson
A. Weeks
P. West (Vice-Chairman)

**Standards Committee - (No change
proposed)**

(Previously 3:2:1)
C. Carter
J. Frankum
A. Fraser (Portsmouth)
D. Harrison
F. Jonas
R. Kimber

**Governance Committee - (No
change proposed)**

(Previously 5:3:1)
L. Fairhurst (Vice-Chairman)
D. Fuller (Portsmouth)
**Vacancy (formerly P Galton)
(Southampton)**
D. Harrison
D.A. Kirk
P. Marsh-Jenks (Southampton)
R. McIntosh (Chairman)
R. Smith (Southampton)
Mrs M Tucker

Human Resources Committee

(Previously 6:4:1)(Proposed 7:4:1)
A. Carew
K. Chapman (Chairman)
J. Frankum
A. Fraser (Portsmouth)
**Vacancy (formerly P. Galton)
(Southampton)**
F. Jonas (Portsmouth)(Vice-
Chairman)
R. Kimber
Sam Payne
M. Tucker
J.K. West
P. 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 - A. Fraser and D. Fuller
 Rushmoor - R. Kimber
 Southampton - R. Smith
 Test Valley - D. Kirk
Winchester - Vacancy

Corporate Management Team

R. Smith (Chairman)
 I. Beagley (Vice-Chairman)
 A. Evans (Vice-Chairman and
 Chairman of Asset
 Management Working Group)
 K. Chapman (Chairman of Human
 Resources Committee and
 also a Member of Performance
 Review)
 R. Price (Liberal Democrat Member)
 D. Simpson (Liberal Democrat
 Member)
 P. Marsh-Jenks (Southampton)
 (Labour Member
 Spokesperson)

**! Local Authority Controlled Company in
relation to the governance and management
of the Regional Control Centre**

Councillor R. Price

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