

HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 4 JUNE 2021

PRESENT:

Members

Representing East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

Councillors Chadwick, Davison, Dennis, Green, Healing, Jefferson and Smith

Representing Hull City Council:

Councillors Belcher, Chambers, Dad, North, Randall and Singh

Representing North East Lincolnshire Council:

Councillors Lindley, Patrick, Shepherd and Swinburn

Representing North Lincolnshire Council:

Councillors Briggs (*Chairperson*), Grant, Sherwood and Waltham MBE

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

Jonathan Evison - Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside Police

Officers of Humberside Fire & Rescue Service

Chris Blacksell - Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive, Phil Shillito - Deputy Chief Fire Officer/Executive Director Service Delivery, Paul McCourt - Director of Service Delivery, Niall McKiniry - Director of Service Improvement, Simon Rhodes - Head of Corporate Assurance, Mathew Buckley - Monitoring Officer/Secretary and Gareth Naidoo - Committee Manager

Also in attendance:

Independent Co-opted Members of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee

James Doyle, Andrew Smith and Mandy Thomlinson were in attendance as observers.

The meeting was held at The Village Hotel, Hessle.

62/21 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON - Resolved - That Councillor Briggs be elected Chairperson of the Humberside Fire Authority for the 2021/22 municipal year.

Councillor Briggs took over the Chair

63/21 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON - Resolved - That Councillor Green be elected Vice Chairperson of the Humberside Fire Authority for the 2021/22 municipal year.

64/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor Fox.

65/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - No declarations were made.

66/21 MINUTES - Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 30 April 2021 be received as a correct record.

67/21 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS - None.

68/21 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS - None.

69/21 COMMUNICATIONS - The Chairman reported orally on the following item:

- (i) **Pay Award** - It was noted that the Service had budgeted for 0 per cent increase this financial year and then a 2 per cent increase for subsequent years. The National Joint Council had, however, now made a pay offer of 1.5 per cent for 2021/22 which would impact on the Service's budget should this be approved. Further communication on the matter would be reported to Members upon receipt.

70/21 COMPOSITION OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report on appointments to the Humberside Fire Authority made by the Constituent Unitary Authorities for the period 2021/22 as follows:

1. East Riding of Yorkshire Council (8)

Councillor Chad Chadwick	(Conservative)
Councillor Phil Davison	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor John Dennis	(Conservative)
Councillor Caroline Fox	(Conservative)
Councillor Helen Green	(Conservative)
Councillor Lyn Healing	(Conservative)
Councillor Barbara Jefferson	(Independent)
Councillor Patricia Smith	(Conservative)

2. Hull City Council (6)

Councillor Sharon Belcher	(Labour)
Councillor Linda Chambers	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor Jackie Dad	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor Peter North	(Labour)
Councillor Christine Randall	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor Abhimanyu Singh	(Labour)

3. North East Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor Ian Lindley	(Conservative)
Councillor Matt Patrick	(Labour)
Councillor Ron Shepherd	(Conservative)
Councillor Stewart Swinburn	(Conservative)

4. North Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor John Briggs	(Conservative)
Councillor Mick Grant	(Labour)
Councillor Nigel Sherwood	(Conservative)
Councillor Rob Waltham MBE	(Conservative)

5. Police and Crime Commissioner (1)

Jonathan Evison

Resolved - That the membership of the Authority for the period 2021/22 be received.

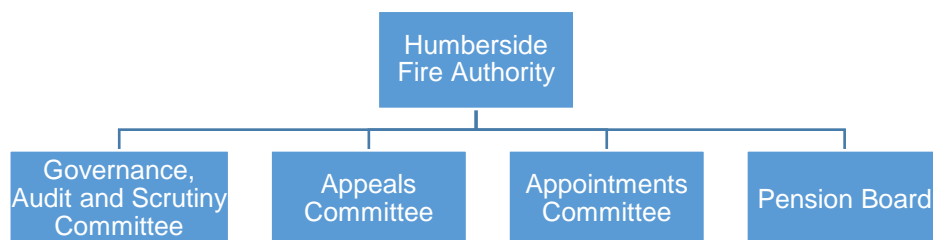
71/21 APPOINTMENT OF GROUP SECRETARIES - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report that set out that each political group represented on the Fire Authority should appoint a Group Secretary and notify the Monitoring Officer/Secretary of such appointment at the Annual General Meeting of the Fire Authority or as soon as possible thereafter.

Resolved - That the Group Secretaries as detailed below be appointed for 2021/22:

Political Group	Group Secretary
Conservative	Councillor Smith
Independent	Councillor Jefferson
Labour	Councillor Patrick
Liberal Democrats	Councillor Dad

72/21 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF PANEL/GROUP MEMBERS AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report that proposed the committee structure and composition of the Authority for 2021/22 and the appointment of Panel/Group Members and Member Champions for 2021/22.

Resolved - (a) That the Authority approves the Committee structure as set follows;



(b) that the size and allocation of seats of the committees be approved as follows;

Governance, Audit & Scrutiny Committee	
Number of independent members	5
Total	5

Appointments Committee	
Political Group	Number of Seats
Conservative	4
Labour	2
Liberal Democrats	2
Total	8

Appeals Committee	
Political Group	Number of Seats
Conservative	2
Labour	1
Liberal Democrats	1
Total	4

Pension Board	
Employer Representative	Number of Seats
Elected Member	1
HFRS Officer	1
Scheme Member Representative	
Representative Bodies Member	1
HFRS FPS Member	1
Total	4

(c) that the following appointments to the Appeals and Appointments Committees for 2021/22 be approved;

Appeals Committee	
Political Group	Appointed Member
Conservative (2)	Councillor Chadwick Councillor Healing
Labour (1)	Councillor Grant
Liberal Democrats (1)	Councillor Randall

Appointments Committee	
Political Group	Appointed Member
Conservative (4)	Councillor Briggs Councillor Green Councillor Smith Councillor Waltham
Labour (2)	Councillor Belcher Councillor Singh
Liberal Democrats (2)	Councillor Chambers Councillor Dad

(d) that the Authority re-appoints Councillor Shepherd as the Elected Member to serve on the Pensions Board for 2021/22 (the third year of his second three year term);

(e) that the following appointments to Groups/Panels for 2021/22 be approved:

Group/Panel	Member Representative
Equality and Inclusion Group <i>Changed from 1 Member to 3 Members</i>	Councillor Smith Councillor Randall Councillor Waltham
Fire Death and Injury Panel <i>(one representative from each Authority area)</i>	Councillor Green (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) Councillor Chambers (Hull City Council) Councillor Lindley (North East Lincolnshire Council) Councillor Sherwood (North Lincolnshire Council)

(f) that the Group Secretaries in conjunction with the Executive Director Service Support/Section 151 Officer inform the Monitoring Officer/Secretary of the appointment of Members to each Member Champion role with former roles being resumed by returning Members.

73/21 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON CERTAIN BODIES - Resolved - That the following appointments for 2021/22 be approved:

Body	Representative(s)
The Local Government Association Fire Commission	Councillor Briggs [Substitute: Councillor Green]
Yorkshire and Humber (Local Authorities) Employers' Association - Employers' Committee	Councillor Briggs [Substitute: Councillor Green]

74/21 APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED SPOKESPERSON FOR EACH CONSTITUENT AUTHORITY - Resolved - That the following nominated spokespersons for each Constituent Authority for 2021/22 be approved:

Constituent Authority	Nominated Spokesperson
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Councillor Green
Hull City Council	Councillor Randall
North East Lincolnshire Council	Councillor Swinburn
North Lincolnshire Council	Councillor Sherwood

75/21 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2021/22 - Resolved - That the calendar of meetings for 2021/22, as set out in the report, be approved.

76/21 HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY WORKSTREAMS 2021/22 - Resolved - That the 2021/22 workstreams of the Authority, as set out in the report, be received.

77/21 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION - Resolved - That the following amendments to the Constitution, as set out in the report, be approved:

- (i) Removal of references to remote meetings;
- (ii) Amendments to implement recommendations from the TIAA report received by the Fire Authority;
- (iii) Miscellaneous amendments.

78/21 REVIEW OF SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT POLICY - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted revisions to the Secondary Employment Policy.

A report following an investigation by TIAA recommended that the outside employment rules for Principal Officers be reviewed and amended as appropriate to ensure compliance with the Nolan Principles was demonstrably achieved.

Resolved - That the amendments to the Secondary Employment Policy, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.