

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Report to Council

Date of Meeting:	18 th May 2011
Report of:	Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Appointments to Cheshire Fire Authority and Cheshire Police Authority

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report invites Council to make Appointments to Cheshire Fire Authority and Cheshire Police Authority.

2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 Council is asked to appoint –
- (a) three Councillors to the Cheshire Police Authority; and
 - (b) eight Councillors to Cheshire Fire Authority

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 These bodies carry out statutory functions and appointments are needed to ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

4.0 Background and Options

Police Authority

- 4.1 Schedule 2 of the Police Act 1996 provides for the establishment of a Joint Committee where there is more than one local authority in the Police Authority area. The Joint Committee for Cheshire was first established in 1997, when it was agreed that the Committee would consist of nine Members allocated on the basis of population.
- 4.2 As a consequence of local government restructuring in Cheshire. The current allocation is:
- Halton - 1 Member
 - Warrington - 2 Members
 - Cheshire West and Chester - 3 Members
 - Cheshire East - 3 Members.

- 4.3 The allocation of the nine local authority places on the Police Authority needs to be made in accordance with the political proportionality of the constituent Councils taken as a whole and the Clerk to the Authority will provide additional information on this to help each of the constituent Councils make their Party Group nominations to achieve the balance required.
- 4.4 The Council's proportionality is now 2 Conservative and 1 Labour, following the election.

Cheshire Fire Authority.

- 4.5 The Fire Authority was the Combined Fire Authority for Cheshire, Halton and Warrington in accordance with the Cheshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1997. The constitution of the Cheshire Fire Authority required the appointment of 14 representatives.
- 4.6 As a consequence of local government restructuring in Cheshire the Authority was changed to the Combined Fire Authority of Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington and its membership was increased to 23 places. The allocation of seats is:-

Halton - 3 Member
Warrington - 4 Members
Cheshire West and Chester - 8 Members
Cheshire East - 8 Members.

The Clerk to the Authority will provide additional information to help the constituent Councils make their nominations.

5.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To determine political representation on the Authority.

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Background Documents: None