

GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE
AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

6 SEPTEMBER 2012

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT,
SCRUTINY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report of the Clerk

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To recommend the appointment of two new Independent Members to the Authority's Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee and to agree the Term of Office that each newly appointed Independent Member is to serve.

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. At the meeting of the Policy Standing Sub-Committee on 25th May 2006 delegated authority was given to the Treasurer and the County Fire Officer & Chief Executive to recruit Independent Members in consultation with the three Group Leaders to the Authority's Audit Committee.
2. At the last meeting of the Authority on 21st June 2012 it was reported that the current Independent Member on the Committee, Mr Ken Harper, had given notice that he was not seeking renewal of his appointment at the end of his term of office and the process to recruit two new Independent Members was underway. Mr Harper's term of office was due to come to an end on 10th September 2012 and it was agreed by the Authority to extend his appointment until the 30th September 2012 to allow him to attend the next meeting of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee on 27th September 2012 (Minute 9 refers).
3. An advertisement was published in the Manchester Evening News on 22nd May 2012 advertising the appointment of Independent Members to the Authority's Audit and Scrutiny Committee and the advertisement was also published on the Authority's Website and the AGMA Jobs Portal.
4. The closing date for applications was 13th June 2012. Shortlisting took place on 21st June 2012 and Interviews took place on 9th July 2012 which involved the Chairman, Councillor Dylan Butt, and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Derek Heffernan of the Audit, Scrutiny and

Standards Committee, Treasurer, Director of Finance and Technical Services and Democratic Services Manager.

CONCLUSIONS

5. Following the interviews it is the recommendation of the Panel that Francis Walsh and Lisa Hindle are appointed as Independent Members to the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee with their respective term of office of two years with an option to extend for a further two years. It is proposed to grant delegated authority to exercise this option to the Treasurer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee and Director of Finance and Technical Services.
6. The new Independent Members first meeting of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee would be 27th September 2012. An induction meeting has been arranged to take place on 14th September 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

7. To appoint Mr. Francis Walsh and Mrs. Lisa Hindle as Independent Members of the Authority's Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee for a 2 year period with delegated authority to the Treasurer to extend for a further two years subject to consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Audit, Scrutiny and Standards Committee and Director of Finance and Technical Services.

DONNA HALL
CLERK

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

DOCUMENT	DATE	FILE OR OTHER REFERENCE	PLACE OF INSPECTION
Audit, Scrutiny & Standards Committee File	Various		Fire Service HQ 146 Bolton Road Swinton Manchester M27 8US

D. Hall
(Proper Officer)
10.07.12