



AGENDA ITEM: 17

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

23rd October 2006

REPRESENTATION ON THE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Report by Ian Miller,
Clerk to the Authority**

Decision sought

- 1.** To seek the Authority to sanction the Executive Panel's decision to appoint Councillor Cliff Shone to serve on the Standards Committee in place of Councillor Sharon Frobisher.

Background

- 2.** Denbighshire County Council has made changes to its representation on the Authority in light of the continued absence of Councillor David Jones MBE. As a result of these changes Councillor Frobisher has been appointed to serve on the Executive Panel for the period to 31 May 2007.
- 3.** While there is no legal bar to Councillor Frobisher continuing to serve on the Standards Committee, the Authority's practice has been that members of the Executive Panel do not also serve on the Standards Committee.



Background *(continued)*

4. As the Standards Committee's next meeting had already been arranged for 2 October, before the full Authority held its next meeting, the matter of considering whether to appoint a new representative to serve on the Standards Committee was referred to the Executive Panel under para 2.3(xi) of its terms of reference: "deal with any...constitutional matter" at the discretion of the Clerk following prior consultation with the Chairman.

Information

5. All members were informed by letter of the situation, and any who were interested in being considered for appointment were asked to inform me by 13 September. Two names were submitted:
Councillor Margaret Griffith (Gwynedd)
Councillor Cliff Shone (Flintshire)
6. The Executive Panel at its meeting on 21st September was informed of the nominations and advised that either member may be appointed. However as the other member of the Authority serving on the Standards Committee, Councillor Gwilym O Williams, also comes from Gwynedd, it was, for that reason, suggested that Councillor Cliff Shone should be appointed to the Standards Committee.
7. The Executive Panel resolved that Councillor Shone be appointed to serve in place of Councillor Frobisher, as one of the Authority's representatives, on the Standards Committee until the next local authority elections in 2008 and that the Authority endorse its decision.



Information *(continued)*

8. Councillor Shone attended his first meeting of the Standards Committee on 2nd October 2006.

Recommendation

9. That the Authority ratifies the Executive Panel's decision to appoint Councillor Cliff Shone to serve on the Standards Committee until the next ordinary elections in 2008.