

Report to	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
Date	20 January 2025
Lead Officer	Not applicable
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Subject	Chair's Report



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This quarterly report provides Members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chair and Deputy Chair of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority) in their official capacities between October and December 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 The Chair and/or Deputy Chair have attended several meetings and events, both internally and externally on behalf of the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3 **It is recommended that Members:**
 - i) **note the information provided.**

OBSERVATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE PANEL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 4 This report has not previously been considered.

INFORMATION

- 5 In addition to the Authority-related meetings, the Chair and Deputy Chair have met with the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) on a regular basis.
- 6 On 3 October the Chair and the Deputy Chair attended the Awards Ceremony for NWFRS staff held at Venue Cymru.
- 7 On 7 October the Chair and the CFO attended a meeting of the Social Partnership Forum which was held remotely.
- 8 On 11 October the Deputy Chair attended a Ceremony of Achievement at Mold Fire Station for those youngsters from Castell Alun School who had successfully completed the Phoenix course.

- 9 On 18 October the Deputy Chair attended a Ceremony of Achievement at Mold Fire Station for those youngsters from Argoed High School who had successfully completed the Phoenix course.
- 10 On 30 October the Chair attended a virtual meeting with Audit Wales as part of their review into the setting of wellbeing objectives.
- 11 On 13 November the Chair visited the crew at Llangefni Fire Station who were holding a recruitment event.
- 12 On 15 November the Chair attended a Ceremony of Achievement at Menai Bridge Fire Station for those youngsters from Ysgol David Hughes who had successfully completed the Phoenix Course.
- 13 On 21 November the Deputy Chair attended the funeral of former Authority member Councillor Veronica Gay.
- 14 On 22 November the Chair attended a Ceremony of Achievement at Menai Bridge Fire Station for those youngsters from Ysgol Brynrefail who had successfully completed the Phoenix course.
- 15 On 25 November the Chair attended in person a meeting of the Social Partnership Forum held at the Welsh Government Offices (the CFO also attended virtually).
- 16 On 29 November the Chair and the CFO attended a virtual meeting of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.
- 17 On 4 December the Chair attended a virtual meeting with Jayne Bryant, Cabinet Secretary for Local Government, together with the Chair of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority plus the three CFOs for the Welsh Fire and Rescue Services.
- 18 On 6 December, the Deputy Chair attended a Ceremony of Achievement at Abergele Fire Station for those youngsters from Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan who had successfully completed the Phoenix course.
- 19 On 9 December the Chair and the Deputy Chair attended the Emergency Services Carol Service held at St Asaph Cathedral.
- 20 On 11 December the Chair and the Deputy Chair attended at North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (the Service) Headquarters and met with senior officers to examine the Strategic Risk Register.

- 21 On 25 December the Chair visited the watches on duty at Caernarfon and Holyhead Fire Stations whilst the Deputy Chair visited the watch at Deeside Fire Station.

IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	Not relevant.
Budget	Any costs associated with meetings and events attended by members are reimbursed from the travel and subsistence budget.
Legal	No specific implications arise from approving the recommendation.
Staffing	No specific implications arise from approving the recommendation.
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	No specific implications arise from approving the recommendation.
Risks	No specific risks arise from approving the recommendation.