



AGENDA ITEM: 9

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY ANNUAL MEETING

18th June 2012

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report by Colin Everett, Clerk to the Authority

Purpose of Report

- 1 To appoint two Fire and Rescue Authority members to serve on the Standards Committee.

Background

- 2 Under the Local Government Act 2000, the Fire and Rescue Authority is required to have a Standards Committee. There are four independent members on the committee.
- 3 Three of the Committee's independent members live in Denbighshire and one independent member lives in Conwy. There are two males and two females and one of the males is a Welsh speaker.
- 4 Any member of the Fire and Rescue Authority, apart from the Chair and Vice-Chair, can be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee.

- 5 Under the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, the political balance requirements of Part I of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 do not apply to these appointments.

Advice

- 6 Any members apart from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Authority are eligible for appointment to the Committee.
- 7 Whichever members are selected should be appointed to serve until the next ordinary local elections in May 2017. The terms of office of members of the Standards Committee would then expire as follows:
- 2 independent members – first term expire in December 2013 (both could be eligible for reappointment for one further term)
 - 1 independent member - second term expires September 2014
 - 1 independent member - first term expires March 2016
 - 2 Fire Authority members – May 2017 (dependent on who is appointed, one or both could be eligible for reappointment for a further term)

Recommendation

- 8 That the Authority appoints two members to serve on the Standards Committee until the next ordinary elections in 2017.