

Report to	<b>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority</b>
Date	<b>16 January 2023</b>
Lead Officer	<b>Not applicable</b>
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Subject	<b>Chair's Report</b>



## PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report provides Members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority in their official capacities between October 2022 and January 2023.

## 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 That Members 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. They have also met with FBU representatives prior to the Executive meeting held on the 12 December 2022.
- 6 On the 17 October, the Deputy Chair attended the presentation of certificates for completion of the Phoenix course held at Denbigh Fire Station.
- 7 On 19 October, the Chair met with Llinos Morris, the Service's Voluntary Chaplain, to learn more about her role.
- 8 On the 21 October, the Chair represented the Authority at a meeting of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.

- 9 The postponed Fire Service Awards Ceremony was held on the 27 October and the Chair participated in the presentation of awards. The Deputy Chair also attended.
- 10 On the 31 October, the Chair, Deputy Chair and the CFO attended a virtual meeting with the other Welsh Chairs/Deputy Chairs and CFOs to discuss recent correspondence received from the Deputy Minister.
- 11 On the 11 November, the Deputy Chair attended the presentation of certificates for completion of the Phoenix course held at Flint Fire Station. He was accompanied by the Mayor of Flint – Councillor Michelle Perfect.
- 12 On 17 November, the Chair, Deputy Chair, CFO and other members of the Authority attended the funeral of former Authority Member Councillor Brian Blakeley.
- 13 On the 21 November, the Chair and the Deputy Chair were interviewed via Zoom by members of the Wales Audit Office to discuss the review into 'Reducing False Alarms'.
- 14 On the 22 November, the Deputy Chair attended a retirement presentation at Flint Fire Station for Station Manager Tommy Probert. Also present was the CFO and the Mayor of Flint – Councillor Michelle Perfect.
- 15 On the 23 November, the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Authority met with the Clerk and the Chair of the Standards Committee.
- 16 On the 28 November, the Chair, Deputy Chair and the CFO attended a virtual meeting of the Fire & Rescue Panel of the WLGA together with the other Welsh Chairs/Deputy Chairs and CFO's.
- 17 On the 2 December, the Chair attended the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Llangefni and met with the local crew who were participating in the event.
- 18 On 5 December, the Deputy Chair attended the Combined Emergency Services Christmas Carol Service held at St Asaph Cathedral.
- 19 On Christmas Day the Chair visited Caernarfon, Bangor and Holyhead Fire Stations to meet with the crews on duty.

20 Since the last report the Chair has also engaged in correspondence with the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership on the following subjects:

- the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser's Thematic Review into training;
- the independent culture review of London Fire Brigade; and
- arrangements for the inaugural meeting of the Social Partnership Forum for Fire and Rescue Services.

## **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.