



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/11/25
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE OF MEETING	29 SEPTEMBER 2011
SUBJECT OF REPORT	APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FIRE SERVICES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
LEAD OFFICER	Clerk to the Authority
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p><i>(a) That the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority approved Scheme of Members Allowances be revised to facilitate the payment of travel and subsistence expenses associated with attendance at meetings of the Local Government Association (LGA) Fire Services Management Committee; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) That the appointment of the Authority Chairman to the LGA Fire Services Management Committee be noted.</i></p>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This report informs the Authority of the appointment of the Chairman, Councillor Mark Healey, to the Local Government Association (LGA) Fire Services Management Committee and the consequential requirement for a minor amendment to the Authority approved Scheme of Members Allowances.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Costs associated with attendance by the Chairman at LGA Fire Services Management Committee meetings will be contained from within the overall approved budget for Members Allowances.
EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Not applicable
APPENDICES	Nil.
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	Nil.

- 1.1 The Chairman of the Authority, Councillor Mark Healey, has been appointed to the Local Government Association (LGA) Fire Services Management Committee. Appointments to this Committee are administered directly by the political groups on the LGA.
- 1.2 This is a significant appointment for the Authority as the Fire Services Management Committee's role is to represent, as a Local Government Group body, the views and concerns of the fire community in relation to the fire services modernisation agenda, ensuring that local circumstances have a voice in the national context. The Committee also takes the lead on all other day-to-day issues (e.g. technical 2020 or operational matters) affecting fire authorities.
- 1.3 Member authorities of the LGA are expected to meet the travel and subsistence costs associated with attendance by their Members at meetings of the Fire Services Management Committee. The costs associated with attendance by the Chairman at LGA Fire Services Management Committee meetings will be met from the overall budget approved for Members allowances, although a minor revision to the current approved Scheme of Members Allowances will be required to facilitate payment.

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Clerk to the Authority