

<b>REPORT REFERENCE NO.</b>	<b>DSFRA/15/15</b>
<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DEVON &amp; SOMERSET FIRE &amp; RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>29 JULY 2015</b>
<b>SUBJECT OF REPORT</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	<b>Clerk to the Authority</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<i>that the Authority appoints to the vacancies on the Human Resources Management &amp; Development and Resources Committees, the term of office of the appointment to be until the Annual Authority meeting in May 2016</i>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	This report seeks appointments to the vacancies on the Authority's Human Resources Management & Development and Resources Committees.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	None.
<b>EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS (ERBA)</b>	The contents of this report are considered compatible with existing human rights and equalities legislation.
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Nil.
<b>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Minutes of the Annual Authority meeting held on 28 May 2015

**1. VACANCIES ON HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEES**

- 1.1 At its Annual Meeting on 28 May 2015, the Authority made appointments to its Committees for the forthcoming (2015-16) municipal year. At that time, however, confirmation was still awaited from Torbay Council of its appointee to replace Councillor Stephen Brooksbank on the Authority. Councillor Brooksbank had previously served on the Authority's Human Resources Management & Development and Resources Committees.
- 1.2 In light of the circumstances, the Authority resolved to defer making appointments to the vacancies on the Human Resources Management & Development and Resources Committees pending confirmation of Councillor Brooksbank's replacement on the full Authority.
- 1.3 Torbay Council has subsequently confirmed the appointment of Councillor David Thomas (Conservative) to the Authority.
- 1.4 Application of the political proportionality principles of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 would indicate that the vacancies on both Committees should be filled by a Conservative councillor. Appointment of a Torbay Conservative Councillor to at least one of the two vacancies would also provide to conserve a proportionate allocation of Committee seats in terms of constituent authorities, albeit there is no statutory foundation for this.
- 1.5 The Authority is invited to consider the above and make appointments to the vacancies on the Human Resources Management & Development and the Resources Committees, the term of office of the appointment to be until the Annual Authority meeting in 2016.

**MIKE PEARSON**  
**Clerk to the Authority**