

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/24/8
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE OF MEETING	16 FEBRUARY 2024 (Budget Meeting)
SUBJECT OF REPORT	APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES
LEAD OFFICER	Clerk to the Authority & Monitoring Officer
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p><i>That the following appointments to Committees be made until the Authority's Annual General Meeting on 10 June 2024:</i></p> <p><i>(a). Audit & Governance Committee – Councillor Biederman to replace Councillor Cook-Woodman;</i></p> <p><i>(b). Community Safety Committee – a Liberal Democrat nominee (Somerset) to replace Councillor Power/Radford;</i></p> <p><i>(c). People Committee – Councillor Carter to be appointed to the vacancy left by Councillor Tolchard with Councillor Coles to be appointed to replace Councillor Biederman; and</i></p> <p><i>(d). Resources Committee – Councillor Carter to be appointed to replace Councillor Fellows.</i></p>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>At the Authority meeting on 11 December 2023, the Clerk to the Authority & Monitoring Officer advised of a change in appointment to the Authority by Torbay Council to reflect a change in their political balance (Minute DSFRA/23/25 refers). Effectively this meant that Torbay Council appointed a Liberal Democrat representative (Councillor Christine Carter) to replace the Conservative appointment (Councillor Anna Tolchard). Councillor Fellows (Con) continues as the second Torbay Council appointment.</p> <p>This changed the political balance on the Authority (now 48% Con, 32% LibDem., 16% Lab., 4% Ind.) and the Monitoring Officer has undertaken a review of the allocation of places on committees to reflect this change as there is now no overall majority for any Group.</p> <p>The proposals have been discussed at Members' Forum on 12 January 2024 and also with key Group representatives and individuals impacted by the changes. There is agreement to move forward on the basis of the recommendation set out within this report, subject to Authority approval, until the annual review which will be undertaken at the Annual General Meeting on 10 June 2024.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil.

EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS	Not applicable
APPENDICES	Nil.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Report DSFRA/23/11 to the Authority's annual meeting on 12 June 2023 (and the Minutes of that meeting).

SAMANTHA SHARMAN
Clerk to the Authority & Monitoring Officer