

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	DSFRA/18/11
MEETING	DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY (Annual Meeting)
DATE OF MEETING	8 June 2018
SUBJECT OF REPORT	PROPOSED CHANGE IN STANDING ORDERS
LEAD OFFICER	Director of Corporate Services
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the Authority considers this report and determines whether it would wish to amend Standing Orders relating to the appointment of Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>Standing Orders currently provide for Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs to be appointed at the first meeting of the Committee concerned held following the Authority's Annual Meeting.</p> <p>In accordance with Standing Order 19, Councillor Randall Johnson has asked that this item be placed on the agenda for this meeting to enable the Authority to consider amending its Standing Orders to provide for Committee etc. Chairs and Vice-Chairs to be appointed by the Authority at its Annual Meeting when appointments to such bodies are made. Such a change would ensure that there was no period where Committee etc. Chairs/Vice-Chairs were not in place, i.e. between appointments to Committees at the Authority's Annual meeting and the first meeting of each Committee. Additionally, such a change would allow all Members of the Authority to vote on the appointment of Committee etc. Chairs and Vice-Chairs.</p> <p>If the Authority was minded to approve this change in Standing Orders, it would reflect similar procedures currently operating in Devon County Council, Somerset County Council and Plymouth City Council.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil.
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS (ERBA)	The contents of this report are considered compatible with existing equalities and human rights legislation
APPENDICES	Nil.
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	Authority Standing Orders