

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2011/12

There are 23 elected Members of Cheshire Fire Authority drawn from the four unitary authorities of Cheshire East (8), Cheshire West and Chester (7), Halton (3) and Warrington (5).

FIRE AUTHORITY – 23 Members – Con:Lab:Lib:Ind (10:10:2:1)

Chair: D Topping

Vice Chair: J Joyce

Representing Cheshire East Council (5:2:0:1)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent
B Livesley	C Thorley		D Brickhill
G Merry	D Flude		
M J Simon			
D Topping			
J Weatherill			

Representing Cheshire West and Chester Council (4:3:0)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
B Crowe	T Sherlock	
E Johnson	A Tate	
K Musgrave	B Rudd	
J Leather		

Representing Halton Borough Council (0:2:1)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
	R K Polhill	Mrs L Redhead
	S J Nelson	

Representing Warrington Borough Council (1:3:1)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
P Campbell	J Joyce	M Biggin
	H Mundry	
	J Kerr Brown	

BODIES COVERED BY POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITIES

POLICY COMMITTEE – 10 Members + CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS

The Membership of the Committee must include the Fire Authority Chair and Vice Chair who are appointed as Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Committee.

Political proportions per calculation: (4:4:1 + 1 seat to be allocated)

Chair: D Topping

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	
D Topping (C)	J Joyce	L Redhead	D Brickhill
G Merry	R Polhill		
J Leather	T Sherlock		
B Crowe	C Thorley		

PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE – 7 Members and 1 Independent Member

NB: Members must not be Members of Policy Committee

Political proportions per calculation: (3:3:1)

Chair: M Simon

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	
M Simon	S Nelson	M Biggin	
J Weatherill	J Kerr-Brown		
K Musgrave	A Tate		
1 INDEPENDENT MEMBER			
M W Ravenscroft			

BRIGADE MANAGER'S PAY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – 7 Members

Political proportions per calculation: (3:3:1)

Chair: D Topping

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	
D Topping	J Joyce	L Redhead	
B Livesley	R Polhill		
G Merry	B Rudd		

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (DISPUTE) – 4 Members

Political proportions per calculation: (2:2)

Chair: S Nelson

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	
J Leather	S Nelson		
P Campbell	J Kerr-Brown		

BODIES NOT COVERED BY POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITIES

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 6 Members and 3 Independent Members

Chair: W Ravenscroft

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	
J Leather	H Mundry	M Biggin	
B Crowe	B Rudd		
B Livesley			
3 INDEPENDENT MEMBERS			
Mr W Ravenscroft			
M R Garner			
Mr M McBride			

MEMBER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP – 4 Members and 1 Independent Member

Chair: B Livesley

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	
B Livesley	A Tate		
P Campbell	D Flude		
1 INDEPENDENT MEMBER			
M R Garner			

RISK MANAGEMENT BOARD – 2 Members

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	
G Merry	C Thorley		

PHOENIX BOXING CLUB BOARD – 2 Members (from Warrington Members)

It is understood that Councillors Campbell and Joyce have been put forward by Warrington Borough Council.

Members
J Joyce
P Campbell

STAFFING SUB-COMMITTEE – 4 Members – From Pay & Performance Committee

The Staffing Sub- Committee consists of four Members drawn from the BMs Pay and Performance Committee and, wherever possible the sub-committee must be convened in political proportion.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY COMMITTEE

The membership of the Business Continuity Committee comprises the Chair, Vice Chair and Party Spokespersons. The Committee meets on an ad-hoc basis, as required.

OUTSIDE BODIES

REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS – NORTH WEST

(A) NORTH WEST FIRE AND RESCUE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

NB: 3 representatives only - previously Chair, Vice Chair and Leader of Main Opposition – now Chair, Vice Chair and other Group spokesperson

Members
Chair of Fire Authority – D Topping
Vice Chair of the Fire Authority – J Joyce
Group spokesperson – L Redhead

(B) LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTROLLED COMPANY (LACC)

This company has been established through the Regional Management Board (now known as the Strategic Partnership Board) to oversee the establishment and operation of North West Fire Control.

NB: 2 representatives only

Members
E Johnson
J Joyce

REGIONAL APPOINTMENTS – OTHER

(C) LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP (LGG) - FIRE COMMISSION

Every Fire Authority is entitled to representation on the Fire Commission and one Member from Cheshire (usually the Chair) is appointed to the Commission. The Commission meets five times per year and is subject to the Constitution and Standing Orders of the LGG.

Member

Chair of Fire Authority – D Topping

(D) LGG RURAL AND URBAN COMMISSIONS

The Fire Authority makes appointments on an annual basis to these national Commissions, which meet roughly twice a year.

Rural Commission

Member

M Simon

Urban Commission

Member

C Thorley

(F) CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (CDRP)

There is a CDRP for each of the four Unitary areas and each CDRP has statutory requirements to fulfil in respect of strategic assessments. The Fire Authority is represented by a Senior Officer on each CDRP and for Cheshire East CDRP one Cheshire East Fire Authority Member is also invited to attend.

Member

M Simon

(G) SUB-REGIONAL PUBLIC LEADERSHIP BOARD

The Board comprises the Leaders of Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington Councils. Halton Borough Council is an Associate Member. The Chairs of Cheshire Fire Authority and Cheshire Police Authority are also Members (without voting rights).

Member

Chair of the Fire Authority – D Topping

(H) LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

WEST CHESHIRE TOGETHER LSP

Cheshire West and Chester Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is the body that oversees the partnership work of a range of public and other organisations, across five thematic groups (Safer and Stronger, Environment, Health and Wellbeing etc).

The Fire and Rescue Service has been closely involved in the development of the Group and a number of officers attend the various thematic work-streams. The lead authority, Cheshire West and Chester Council, invited the Fire Authority to appoint an elected Member to sit on the governance board of the LSP to provide greater accountability. The Board meets on a quarterly basis.

Member
B Crowe

MEMBER CHAMPIONS

KEY MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON OTHER GROUPS – Non political – aligned to skills and interests

Equality and Diversity	S Nelson
Sits on Equality Task Group	
Environment	T Sherlock
Sits on Environment Project Board	
Health and Safety	D Topping
Sits on Health and Safety Committee	
Information and ICT	J Leather
Sits on ICT Steering Group	

ADDITIONAL MEMBER CHAMPIONS – Non political - aligned to skills and interests

Procurement	B Crowe
Finance	G Merry
Older People	D Flude
Young People	H Mundry
Performance Management	M Simon
Commercial/Business Risk Reduction	B Rudd
Industrial Relations (JCC Chair)	S Nelson
Road Safety	B Livesley