

your fire authority

CHESHIRE Fire Authority is the publicly accountable body responsible for providing a fire and rescue service for the residents of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington.

It is made up of 21 elected Members appointed by Cheshire County Council (14), Halton Borough Council (3) and Warrington Borough Council (4). The current political composition of the Authority is Labour (9), Conservative (8) and Liberal Democrat (4).

The role of the Fire Authority is to:

- set the annual budget
- agree the numbers of staff and levels of equipment necessary to provide an effective service
- approve the Service's plans, policies and strategies
- to approve the composition of the Committees, Sub-Committees, Advisory Groups and Task Groups of the Authority.



ROB POLHILL (Lab)
Halton



BRIAN JONES (Lab)
Ellesmere Port – Groves & Whitby



STEFF NELSON (Lab)
Halton Brook



JOHN JOYCE (Lab)
Warrington – Burtonwood & Winwick



LINDA REDHEAD (LD)
Beechwood



TED LAFFERTY (LD)
Warrington – Grappenhall & Thelwall



GEORGE MAINWARING (Lab)
Northwich East & Shakerley



EVELEIGH MOORE-DUTTON (Con)
Broxton



ROGER RANKIN (Con)
Rixton and Woolston



HANS MUNDRY (Lab)
Westy



DEREK BATEMAN (Lab)
Ellesmere Port – Central & Westminster



MALCOLM BYRAM (Con)
Marbury



NORA DOLPHIN (Con)
Northwich - Weaver



TONY HOOTON (Lab)
Winsford North & East
Chairman



DAVID ANDREWS (Con)
Neston & Parkgate



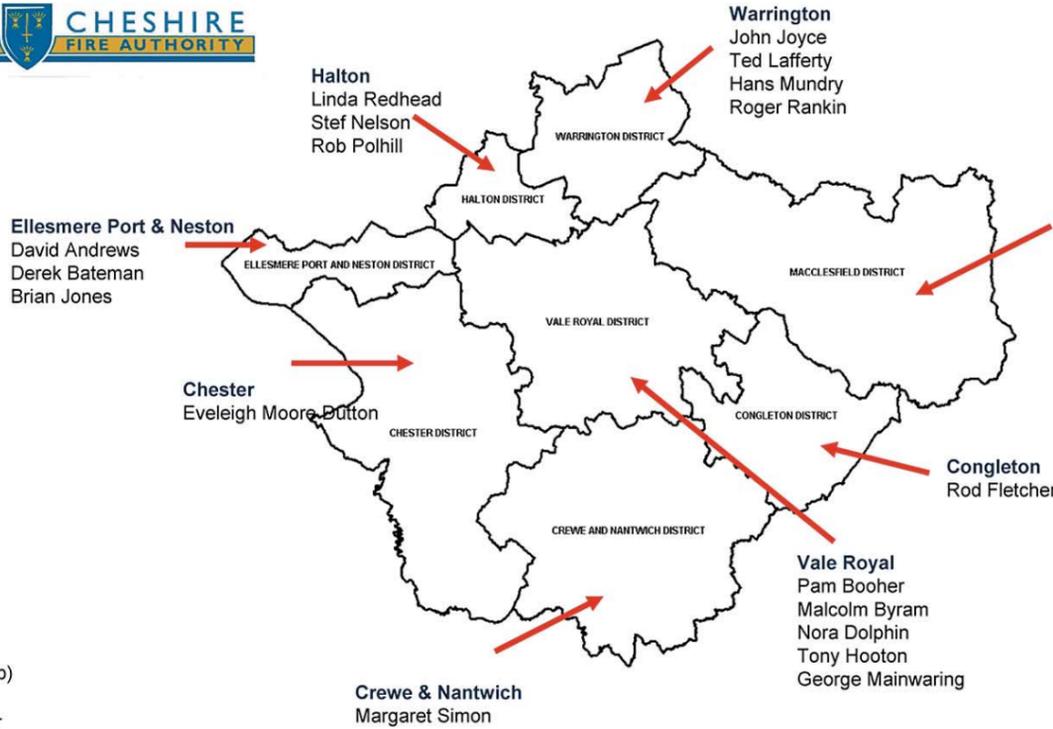
PAM BOOHER (Lab)
Winsford South & West



SYLVIA ROBERTS (LD)
Bollington & Disley



DAVID FREEAR (Con)
Macclesfield – Broken Cross



BERT GRANGE (Con)
Knutsford



ROD FLETCHER (LD)
Alsager



MARGARET SIMON (Con)
Rope

Summary Accounts 2005/06

THE accounts of the Fire Authority are important in showing how we use the resources provided to us to deliver a Fire and Rescue Service in Cheshire.

The summary accounts below provide an overview of where our resources come from, how they are allocated across community safety and emergency response and the current financial position as at the 31st March 2006.

Summary Revenue Account

THE 2005-06 Fire Authority budget was £38.2m.

The total expenditure incurred was

£37.2m, an underspend of £1m, which - added to a pensions provision that we no longer require - means our declared surplus for the year is £2.7m. This is added to our general reserve, which provides the Authority with some resilience should a major incident arise in Cheshire. For example, the costs of fighting the Buncefield fuel depot fire ran to more than £2 million.

Summary Balance Sheet

THE Summary Balance Sheet shows the end of year position for the Fire Authority.

The most obvious point to note is that there is a net liability of £247m – most significant in arriving at this figure is a

liability of £285m which recognises all our future pension liabilities. All local authorities are required to recognise this liability in their balance sheet, even though it is a very long-term one, as it is paid out over the life of our existing and future pensioners.

- NEARLY 700,000 litres of firefighting foam was used by crews fighting the Buncefield fire.



SUMMARY REVENUE ACCOUNT 2005-06	£'000	£'000
Community Fire Safety	22,425	
Firefighting and Rescue Operations	19,242	
Corporate and Democratic Core	957	
Net Cost of Service	42,081	
Adjustments and Appropriations	(6,585)	
Amount to be met by Govt Grant and Local Taxation		35,496
Revenue Support Grant and Non-Domestic Rates	(17,073)	
Council Tax	(21,084)	(38,157)
Net General Fund (Surplus)\Deficit		(2,661)
Balance on General Fund Brought Forward	(2,996)	
Balance on General Fund Carried Forward		(5,657)

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET 2005-06	£'000	£'000
Fixed Assets	34,696	
Current Assets	12,990	
Long Term Liabilities	(289,984)	
Current Liabilities	(4,612)	
Total Assets less Total Liabilities		(246,910)
Financed by:		
Notional Accounts	(255,166)	
Earmarked Reserves and Provisions	2,599	
General Reserve	5,657	
TOTAL NET WORTH		(246,910)

• A full copy of the Statement of Accounts is available on our website - www.cheshirefire.gov.uk - in public libraries or by telephoning 01606 868815.