

## Wiltshire Council

### Annual Council

22 May 2018

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### Appointments to the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

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#### Purpose of report

To consider the appointment of ten Wiltshire Council members to serve on the Fire Authority for 2018/19.

#### Background

On the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Wiltshire Council was informed by the Fire Authority that changes had been made to the composition of the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority with effect from the annual meeting of the Authority on 6 June 2018.

At present the constituent councils appoint a total of 30 members as follows:

Bournemouth Borough Council	4 members
Dorset County Council	8 members
Poole Borough Council	3 members
Swindon Borough Council	5 members
Wiltshire Council	10 members

Following an order made by the Minister for Policing and Fire the membership of the Fire and Rescue Authority has been varied and the constituent councils will appoint a total of 18 members as follows:

Bournemouth Borough Council	2 members
Dorset County Council	5 members
Poole Borough Council	2 members
Swindon Borough Council	3 members
Wiltshire Council	6 members

The political proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies to appointments to the Fire Authority.

Based on the respective strengths of the political groups, the changes to the allocation of places are as follows:

	10 Members	6 Members
Conservatives	<b>7</b> (6.939)	4 (4.163)
Liberal Democrats	<b>2</b> (2.041)	1 (1.224)
Independent	<b>1</b> (0.714)	1 (0.429)
Labour	<b>0</b> (0.306)	0 (0.184)

**Recommended:**

**Council is therefore asked to appoint 6 members to serve as Council representatives on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority.**

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Background papers: None