

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Panel Scrutiny & Audit

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Title of Report Member Attendance 2020/21

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Background Papers Report to Fire Authority 13 June 2019: Member Attendance 2018/19

Appendices Appendix 1 – Member Attendance 2020/21: Formal Meetings
Appendix 2 – Member Attendance 2020/21: Member Seminars

Implications

CORPORATE RISK		LEGAL	✓
ENVIRONMENTAL		POLICY	
FINANCIAL		POLITICAL	✓
HEALTH & SAFETY		OTHER (please specify)	
HUMAN RESOURCES		CORE BRIEF	
EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT			

PURPOSE OF REPORT To report Member attendance at formal Fire Authority meetings, community events and Member briefing/development events for 2020/21.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Member attendance for all formal Fire Authority meetings was first reported at the Annual Fire Authority on 13 June 2019. At this meeting it was agreed that future reporting on Member attendance would be made to the Scrutiny & Audit Panel on an annual basis for monitoring purposes.

A summary of Member attendance at formal meetings in 2020/21 is included at appendix 1 and attendance at Members Seminars at appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel notes the Member attendance for 2020/21.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Member attendance information is now publicly available on the East Sussex Fire & Rescue website through the ModGov system at:

<https://esfrs.moderngov.co.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx>

1.2 This report covers the period from 11 June 2020 to 14 June 2021. During this time the following formal meetings have been held:

Full Fire Authority	3
Policy & Resources Panel	4
Scrutiny & Audit Panel	5
Principal Officer Appointment Panel	3
Pensions Board	3
Human Resources Panel	1

1.3 During 2020/21 5 Member Seminars' have been held as virtual sessions. Since mid-March 2020 open days/community events have been suspended due to Covid-19 and therefore these are not included in this year's report.

2. **Legal Implications**

2.1 The Localism Act 2011 introduced new arrangements to govern the Standards of Conduct for local authority members and co-optees which set out the seven guiding principles of conduct: selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty and leadership. The information in this report supports these guiding principles and, in particular, enhancing openness and accountability.

Member Attendance: Formal Fire Authority Meetings 2020/21

	Meetings due to attend	Number attended	Apologies received	Substitute appointed	Meetings attended as a substitute	Total (%)
Cllr John Barnes	11	11	0	0	0	11 (100%)
Cllr Chris Dowling	4	4	0	0	0	4 (100%)
Cllr Amanda Evans	10	10	0	0	1	11 (110%)
Cllr Roy Galley	10	10	0	0	0	10 (100%)
Cllr Les Hamilton	11	9	2	1	0	9 (82%)
Cllr Carolyn Lambert	11	11	0	0	2	13 (118%)
Cllr Ruth O'Keeffe	3	2	1	0	0	2 (67%)
Cllr Sarah Osborne	9	8	1	1	0	8 (88%)
Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn	7	7	0	0	0	7 (100%)
Cllr Steph Powell	10	7	3	1	0	7 (70%)
Cllr Peter Pragnell	7	7	0	0	0	7 (100%)
Cllr Phil Scott	8	7	1	1	0	7 (88%)
Cllr Jim Sheppard	7	4	1	0	0	4 (57%)
Cllr Andy Smith	8	8	0	0	0	8 (100%)
Cllr Barry Taylor	9	9	0	0	0	9 (100%)
Cllr Carol Theobald	6	6	0	0	0	6 (100%)
Cllr David Tutt	10	9	1	1	0	9 (90%)
Cllr Pete West*	5	5	0	0	1	6 (120%)

*Joined the Fire Authority 9 July 2020 following the resignation of Cllr Ebel

Member Attendance: Member Seminars 2020/21 (5 held)

	Member Seminars
Cllr John Barnes	4
Cllr Chris Dowling	5
Cllr Amanda Evans	3
Cllr Roy Galley	5
Cllr Les Hamilton	2
Cllr Carolyn Lambert	4
Cllr Ruth O'Keeffe	5
Cllr Sarah Osborne	5
Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn	4
Cllr Steph Powell	3
Cllr Peter Pragnell	4
Cllr Phil Scott	3
Cllr Jim Sheppard	4
Cllr Andy Smith	2
Cllr Barry Taylor	4
Cllr Carol Theobald	5
Cllr David Tutt	1
Cllr Pete West*	1

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