

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Panel	Scrutiny & Audit
Date	21 July 2022
Title of Report	Member Attendance 2021/22
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Background Papers	Report to Fire Authority 13 June 2019: Member Attendance 2018/19
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Appendices	Appendix 1 – Member Attendance 2021/22: Formal Meetings Appendix 2 – Member Attendance 2021/22: Member Seminars
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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 2021/22.
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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.
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A summary of Member attendance at formal meetings in 2021/22 is included at appendix 1 and attendance at Members Seminars at appendix 2. The Service's programme of open days and other community events, which was suspended throughout the Covid pandemic, re-commenced

in May 2022 and therefore the attendance is not included in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Panel notes the Member attendance for 2021/22.

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 15 June 2021 to 8 June 2022. During this time the following formal meetings have been held:

Full Fire Authority	4
Policy & Resources Panel	4
Scrutiny & Audit Panel	5
Principal Officer Appointment Panel	2
Pensions Board	3
Human Resources Panel	1

- 1.3 During 2021/22 6 Member Seminars' have been held as virtual sessions. The programme of open days and community events was largely suspended in 2021/22 due to Covid-19 restrictions 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 2021/22

	Meetings due to attend	Number attended	Apologies received	Substitute appointed	Meetings attended as a substitute	Total (%)
Cllr Abul Azad	10	8	2	0	0	80%
Cllr Chris Dowling	4	4	0	0	1	125%
Cllr Amanda Evans	10	9	1	0	0	90%
Cllr Roy Galley	10	10	0	0	0	100%
Cllr Nuala Geary	5	5	0	0	0	100%
Cllr Les Hamilton	7	6	1	0	0	86%
Cllr Carolyn Lambert	15	15	0	0	0	100%
Cllr Wendy Maples	9	9	0	0	0	100%
Cllr Sorrel Marlow-Eastwood	4	3	1	0	0	80%
Cllr Sarah Osborne	4	4	0	0	0	100%
Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn	8	7	1	1	0	88%
Cllr Steph Powell	10	7	3	0	0	70%
Cllr Paul Redstone	9	8	1	1	1	100%
Cllr Phil Scott	9	4	5	0	0	44%
Cllr Barry Taylor	11	10	1	0	0	91%
Cllr Carol Theobald	9	9	0	0	0	100%
Cllr David Tutt	7	7	0	0	0	100%
Cllr Pete West	7	6	1	0	0	86%

Member Attendance: Member Seminars 2021/22 (6 held)

	Member Seminars
Cllr Abul Azad	3
Cllr Chris Dowling	3
Cllr Amanda Evans	3
Cllr Roy Galley	4
Cllr Nuala Geary	5
Cllr Les Hamilton	5
Cllr Carolyn Lambert	6
Cllr Wendy Maples	5
Cllr Sorrel Marlow-Eastwood	4
Cllr Sarah Osborne	3
Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn	5
Cllr Steph Powell	2
Cllr Paul Redstone	4
Cllr Phil Scott	5
Cllr Barry Taylor	5
Cllr Carol Theobald	3
Cllr David Tutt	5
Cllr Pete West	0