

EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Panel Scrutiny & Audit

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Title of Report Member Attendance 2022/23

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

Appendices Appendix 1 – Member Attendance 2022/23: Formal Meetings
Appendix 2 – Member Attendance 2022/23: Member Seminars, Open Days & Community Events

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, Members Seminars, Open Days, and events for 2022/23.

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 2022/23 is included at appendix 1 and attendance at Members Seminars, Open Days & Events at appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION That the Panel notes the Member attendance for 2022/23.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

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

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

1.2 This report covers the period from 9 June 2022 to 14 June 2023. During this time the following formal meetings have been held:

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

1.3 Attendance at Member Seminars, open days and events has been provided at appendix 2. These figures are based on information received and recorded by Democratic Services. Members have been reminded weekly via the Members Information email to inform the team of their attendance at any events for monitoring purposes. Dates of forthcoming events are also included in the weekly email.

1.4 During 2022/23 three Member Seminars' have been held virtually with one in-person Seminar held in July 2022, at Eastbourne Community Fire Station.

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 2022/23

	Meetings due to attend	Number attended	Apologies received	Substitute appointed	Meetings attended as a substitute	Total (%)
Cllr Abul Azad	11	9	2	1	1	10 (91%)
Cllr Chris Dowling	5	3	1	1	0	3 (60%)
Cllr Amanda Evans	9	6	2	0	0	6 (67%)
Cllr Roy Galley	10	10	0	0	2	12 (120%)
Cllr Nuala Geary	7	7	0	0	0	7 (100%)
Cllr Les Hamilton	7	7	0	0	0	7 (100%)
Cllr Carolyn Lambert	14	14	0	0	0	14 (100%)
Cllr Wendy Maples	9	8	1	1	3	11 (122%)
Cllr Sorrel Marlow-Eastwood	7	7	0	0	0	7 (100%)
Cllr Robert Nemeth*	2	2	0	0	0	2 (100%)
Cllr Sarah Osborne	5	4	1	0	0	4 (80%)
Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn*	3	3	0	0	0	3 (100%)
Cllr Steph Powell	9	6	3	3	1	7 (78%)
Cllr Paul Redstone	14	11	3	2	0	11 (79%)
Cllr Phil Scott	9	5	3	1	0	5 (56%)
Cllr Barry Taylor	8	7	1	1	0	7 (88%)
Cllr Carol Theobald	9	6	1	0	0	6 (67%)
Cllr John Ungar	7	6	1	0	0	6 (86%)
Cllr Pete West	7	7	0	0	0	7 (100%)

** Cllr Nemeth was appointed to the Fire Authority following the death of Cllr Peltzer Dunn on 28 September 2022*

NB: Substitutes for full Fire Authority meetings are appointed from constituent authority members.

Member Attendance: Member Seminars, Open Days & Events 2022/23

	Member Seminars (4 held)	Open Days	Events
Cllr Abul Azad	2		
Cllr Chris Dowling	1	1	1
Cllr Amanda Evans	1	1	
Cllr Roy Galley	3		3
Cllr Nuala Geary	4	1	
Cllr Les Hamilton			
Cllr Carolyn Lambert	3		4
Cllr Wendy Maples	4	2	1
Cllr Sorrel Marlow-Eastwood	2	3	3
Cllr Robert Nemeth*			
Cllr Sarah Osborne	1		
Cllr Garry Peltzer Dunn*	1		
Cllr Steph Powell	1		
Cllr Paul Redstone	3	1	
Cllr Phil Scott	1	1	1
Cllr Barry Taylor	3		
Cllr Carol Theobald	2		
Cllr John Ungar	3		2
Cllr Pete West		1	

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