

HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY

FRIDAY, 5 June 2026

PRESENT:

Members

Representing East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

Councillors Bovill, Cantrel, Cary, Dennis, Gill, Heslop-Mullens and Sutton

Representing Hull City Council:

Councillors Healand, Juskey, McMurray, Neal, Nicola and Pickering

Representing North East Lincolnshire Council:

Councillors Augusta, Boner, Freeston and Lindley

Representing North Lincolnshire Council:

Councillors Grant, Ogg, Sherwood and Vickers

Officers of Humberside Fire & Rescue Service

Phil Shillito - Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive, Niall McKinry – Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Matt Sutcliffe – Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Martyn Ransom - Executive Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer, Richard Gibson – Area Manager Service Improvement, Jason Kirby - Area Manager of People and Culture, Steve Duffield - Area Manager Emergency Response, Dan Meke – Area Manager of Resilience and Public Safety, Emma Appleton - Monitoring Officer/Secretary and Alison Finn - Committee Manager.

The meeting was held at Service Headquarters, Hessle.

30/26 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON - Resolved - That Councillor Sherwood be elected Chairperson of Humberside Fire Authority for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Councillor Sherwood took over the Chair.

31/26 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON - Resolved - That Councillor Neal be elected Vice-Chairperson of Humberside Fire Authority for the 2026/27 municipal year.

32/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies for absence were submitted from Jonathan Evison (Police and Crime Commissioner) and Councillor Bayram.

33/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - There were no declarations of interest.

34/26 MINUTES - Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Authority held on 27 March 2026 be approved as a correct record.

35/26 MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE – Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2026 be received and the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2026 be approved and Matt Sutcliffe be appointed as Deputy Chief Fire Officer.

36/26 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2026 be approved.

37/26 COMPOSITION OF THE FIRE AUTHORITY -

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (8)

Councillor Linda Bayram
Councillor John Bovill
Councillor Caroline Cantrell
Councillor Derek Cary
Councillor John Dennis
Councillor Coleen Gill
Councillor Mike Heslop-Mullens
Councillor Margot Sutton

Hull City Council (6)

Councillor Allen Healand
Councillor Laura Juskey
Councillor Shane McMurray
Councillor Tracey Neal
Councillor Rosie Nicola
Councillor Aaron Pickering

North East Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor Robson Augusta
Councillor Les Bonner
Councillor Oliver Freeston
Councillor Ian Lindley

North Lincolnshire Council (4)

Councillor Mick Grant
Councillor Ogg
Councillor Nigel Sherwood
Councillor Paul Vickers

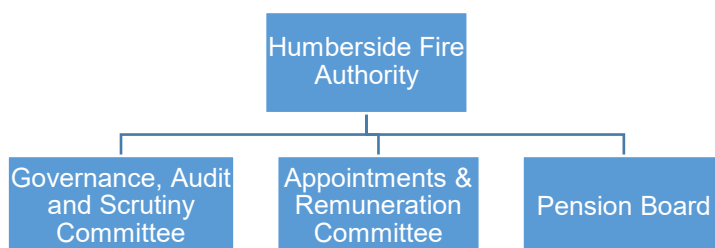
Police and Crime Commissioner (1)

Jonathan Evison

Resolved - That the membership of the Fire Authority for the municipal year 2026/27 be approved.

38/26 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF PANEL/GROUP MEMBERS AND MEMBER CHAMPIONS - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report that proposed the committee structure and composition of the Authority for 2026/27 and the appointment of Panel/Group Members and Member Champions for 2026/27.

Resolved - (a) That the Authority approves the Committee structure as follows;



(b) that the Appeals Committee be abolished;

(c) membership of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee be as follows;

Appointments Committee 2026/27	
Political Group	Appointed Member
Conservative (2)	Councillor Sherwood Councillor Lindley
Independent (1)	Councillor Bonner
Labour (2)	Councillor Augusta Councillor Nicola
Liberal Democrats (2)	Councillor Neal Councillor Sutton

(d) that Councillor Ralph Ogg be appointed as the Elected Member to serve on the Pension Board for 2026/27; and

(e) that Member Champions for 2026/27 be approved as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

39/26 APPOINTMENT OF GROUP SECRETARIES - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report that set out that each political group represented on the Fire Authority should appoint a Group Secretary and notify the Monitoring Officer/Secretary of such appointment at the Annual General Meeting of the Fire Authority or as soon as possible thereafter.

Resolved - That the Group Secretaries as detailed below be appointed for 2026/27:

Political Group	Group Secretary
Conservative	Councillor Lindley
Independent	Councillor Bonner
Labour	Councillor Nicola
Liberal Democrats	Councillor Sutton
Reform UK	Councillor Freeston

40/26 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON CERTAIN BODIES - Resolved - That the following appointments for 2026/27 be approved:

Body	Representative(s)
The Local Government Association Fire Commission	Councillor Sherwood [Substitute: Councillor Neal]
Yorkshire and Humber (Local Authorities) Employers' Association - Employers' Committee	Councillor Sherwood [Substitute: Councillor Neal]

41/26 APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED SPOKESPERSON FOR EACH CONSTITUENT AUTHORITY - The **Resolved** - That the following nominated spokespersons for each Constituent Authority for 2026/27 be approved:

Constituent Authority	Nominated Spokesperson
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Councillor Dennis
Hull City Council	Councillor Neal
North East Lincolnshire Council	Councillor Lindley
North Lincolnshire Council	Councillor Sherwood

42/26 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2026/27 - Resolved - That the calendar of meetings for 2026/27, as set out in the report, be approved.

43/26 HFA WORKSTREAMS - Resolved - That the 2026/27 workstreams of the Authority, as set out in the report, be received.

44/26 REAFFIRMATION OF THE CONSTITUTION - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report asking Members to reaffirm the Constitution.

Resolved - that the Authority reaffirm the Constitution and approve the amendments to the Constitution as set out in the report:

- (i) Amendment to the Scheme of Delegation, increasing the Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive's authority to vary the overall establishment from 0.5% to 1% of the total annual budget.
- (ii) Remove reference to the Appeals Committee and replace with the internal process.

45/26 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE PANEL REPORT - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary submitted a report asking Members to consider the recommendations made by the Members' Allowance Panel not to increase members' allowances.

Resolved - that the Authority approve the report and that Members' allowances for 2026/27 should remain unchanged, and should not be increased in line with indexation.

46/26 CHIEF FIRE OFFICER UPDATE – The Chief Fire Officer provided a verbal update.

Resolved - that the Chief Fire Officer Update be received.