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Report by Councillor S Harvey to Council under Item 13 – Joint Arrangements and External Organisations – regarding the Combined Fire Authority

Issues to be highlighted to Council

What is it?

The Combined Fire Authority (CFA) is the governing body of your local fire and rescue service and is made up of 17 elected Members.

These councillors are from Leicester City, Leicestershire County and Rutland County Councils. The number of elected members on the Combined Fire Authority put forward by each of the three councils is proportionate to the number of electors in their respective area. The councillors on the Combined Fire Authority also reflect the political make up of the constituent authorities.

Their role is to provide an efficient fire and rescue service in accordance with various legislative requirements. The [Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004](#) sets out the principal expectations for the service. Ministerial responsibility for fire and rescue policy now sits under the Home Office. The [Fire and Rescue National Framework for England](#) sets out the government's expectations and requirements for fire and rescue authorities.

Whilst councillors represent their area, they offer governance to the fire authority and make decisions in the best interests of the CFA.

Meetings

There have been two meetings of the Combined Authority and one meeting of the Employment Committee. Agenda items have included assurance, annual report, reports into health and wellbeing, the culture of the service and pay award/salary review.

I have attached the annual report for the combined area.

I have requested data for Rutland and will forward when I have received.

Previously, members have been invited to an open evening at Oakham Fire Station, this has always very educational and interesting. I have requested that we repeat this this year and will update when I know more.