NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

21 September 2015

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report by Councillor Meirick Lloyd Davies

Purpose of Report

1   This report provides Members with information on the meetings and events attended by the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority in their official capacities between June and September 2015.

Information

2   Listed below are the events and meetings attended by the Chair (C) and/or Deputy Chair (DC):

18/06/15	WLGA Conference, Swansea (C)
19/06/15	WLGA Annual Meeting, Swansea (C)
10/07/15	North Wales Regional Leadership Board (AGM), Conwy (C)
14/07/15	WLGA Fire Services Panel meeting, via video conference (C and DC)
14/07/15	Pre-Executive Panel meeting with Unions (C and DC)
17/07/15	Meeting with Janet Haworth AM, HQ (C and DC)
17/07/15	Phoenix Ceremony of Achievement, Llanfairfechan (C and DC)
30/07/15	Tour of the site of the new Wrexham Fire and Ambulance Station (C and DC)
26/08/15	First meeting of the NWFRS' Health, Safety and Wellbeing Project meeting, HQ (C)
20/09/15	Open Day at Denbigh Fire Station to celebrate 150 years, (C)

3   Regular meetings are held with the Chief Fire Officer and Deputy Chief Fire Officer. These meetings were held on 14/07/15, 12/08/15 and 15/09/15.

4   Following recent changes to the legislative framework surrounding health and safety for fire and rescue authorities, officers have undertaken a Service-wide review to ensure that arrangements for managing health, safety and welfare of staff are suitable. The review identified some areas of work in order for the Authority to continue to improve, enhance and promote a positive health and safety culture for all staff and visitors to NWFRS. The meeting on 26 August was the first meeting of a newly-established Health, Safety and Wellbeing Project group to implement recommendations made by the Project Board. The Chair attends in his role as the Authority's Health and Safety Champion. Members will receive more information about this area of work in due course.

Recommendation

5   That Members note the information provided.