

**West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority**  
**Appointments to Committees and Panels 2025/2026**

<b>Fire Authority</b> 15 elected members – (Lab 10; Con 4, 1 Independent) PCC/APCC Co-Opted members [2 vacant] 1 Independent Member 3 Special Observers	<b>Members Engagement Forum</b> 15 elected members – (Lab 10; Con 4, 1 Independent) Co-Opted members [2 vacant] 1 Independent Member 3 Special Observers
<b>Appointments, Standards and Appeals Committee</b> <b>7 elected members plus 1 Observer</b> <b>(Lab 5; Con 2)</b> <b>At least one Member from each Authority</b>	
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
Cllr Rizwan Jalil (Chair)	Cllr Klara Margetts
Cllr Farzana Haq (Vice Chair)	Cllr Ben Evans
Cllr Peter Hogarth	Cllr David Barrie
Cllr Marcus Bernasconi	Cllr Mary Locke
Cllr Cathryn Bayton	Cllr Mary Locke
Cllr Catherine Miks	Cllr Gavin Lloyd
Cllr Ken Ferguson	Cllr Stuart Henley
Independent Person  Ray Tomkinson (Observer)	Standards Items Only

<b>Scrutiny Committee (7 elected members) (Lab 4; Con 2, Independent 1)</b>	
<b>Plus 1 Co-optee (Non-Voting)</b>	
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
Cllr Gavin Lloyd (Chair)	Cllr Catherine Miks
Cllr Marcus Bernasconi (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Mary Locke
Cllr Mohammed Idrees	
Cllr Catherine Miks	Cllr Farzana Haq
Cllr Jas Dehar	Cllr Ben Evans
Cllr David Barrie	Cllr Peter Hogarth
Cllr Ken Ferguson	Cllr Stuart Henley
Prof. Simon Brake Co-Opted Member	Non-Voting

<b>Audit and Risk Committee</b>	
<b>5 members (Plus 1 Independent Member)</b>	
<b>(Lab 4; Con 1)</b>	
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
Cllr Ben Evans (Chair)	Cllr Catherine Miks
Cllr David Barrie (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Stuart Henley
Cllr Farzana Haq	Cllr Rizwan Jalil
<b>Cllr Jas Dehar</b>	<b>Cllr Mary Locke</b>
Cllr Cathryn Bayton	Cllr Klara Margetts
<b>Independent Member:</b>	
Mr David Page	

<b>Joint Consultative Panel</b>	
<b>(5 elected members + 5 employee representatives)</b>	
<b>(Lab 4 ; Con 1)</b>	
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
Cllr Jas Dehar(Chair)	Cllr Ben Evans
Cllr Mary Locke (Vice-Chair)	<b>Cllr Marcus Bernasconi</b>
Cllr Rizwan Jalil	Cllr Farzana Faq
Cllr Klara Margetts	Cllr Cathryn Bayton
Cllr Stuart Henley	Cllr Peter Hogarth

\*Please note: if both the original member and substitute are unavailable, then a member of the political party can be appointed to attend by the Leader of that party.