



AGENDA ITEM: 10

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE PANEL

21st September 2006

REPRESENTATION ON THE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Report by Ian Miller,
Clerk to the Authority**

Decision sought

1. To appoint a member of the Authority to serve on the Standards Committee in place of Councillor Sharon Frobisher.

Background

2. Denbighshire County Council has made changes to its representation on the Authority in light of the continued absence of Councillor David Jones MBE. Councillor Frobisher has been appointed to the Executive Panel for the period to 31 May 2007.
3. While there is no legal bar to Councillor Frobisher continuing to serve on the Standards Committee, the Authority's practice has been that members of the Executive Panel do not also serve on the Standards Committee.



Background *(continued)*

4. The Standards Committee next meets on 2 October, before the next meeting of the full Authority on 23 October. The question of what steps to take therefore falls to the Executive Panel under para 2.3(xi) of its terms of reference: "deal with any...constitutional matter" at the discretion of the Clerk following prior consultation with the Chairman.
5. All members were informed of the situation and any who were interested in being considered for appointment were asked to inform me by 13 September. Two names have come forward:
Councillor Margaret Griffith (Gwynedd)
Councillor Cliff Shone (Flintshire)

Advice

6. Either member may be appointed. However the other member of the authority serving on the Standards Committee, Councillor Gwilym O Williams, also comes from Gwynedd. For that reason it is suggested that Councillor Cliff Shone should be appointed to the Standards Committee.

Recommendation

7. That Councillor Cliff Shone be appointed to the Standards Committee until the next ordinary elections in 2008, and that the Authority be invited to ratify this appointment at its meeting on 23 October.