

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
REPORT**

SUBJECT: Appointment to South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
MEETING: Full Council
DATE: 24 September 2026
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: N/A

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To appoint a member of the executive to represent the Council on the South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Council approve the appointment of Councillor Angela Sandles to the South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

3. REASONS:

- 3.1 Since February 2024, the South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (SWFRA) has been managed by Commissioners appointed by Welsh Government who replaced Councillors appointed to it from each constituent local authority.
- 3.2 It is the intention of Welsh Government to retain the Commissioners in place until after the local elections next year, at which point responsibility for the governance of SWFRA will be handed back locally appointed Councillors. In the interim period however, they are looking to onboard locally appointed councillors to help guide the future arrangements and direction of the Authority.
- 3.3 The Fire and Rescue Services (National Framework and Variation of Combination Schemes) (Wales) Order 2026, sets out the new governance arrangements of SWFRA and requires Council to appoint one member to SWFRA to represent the Council's interests on the authority. The regulations require that the member appointed to SWFRA must be a member of the executive.
- 3.4 It is therefore proposed that Councillor Angela Sandles is appointed to represent the Council on SWFRA.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. CONSULTATION:
Cabinet

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

The Fire and Rescue Services (National Framework and Variation of Combination Schemes) (Wales) Order 2026

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