



Did you know you can watch all Authority meetings LIVE?

All Fire Authority meetings are open to the public and are broadcast live on the internet. Visit <https://southyorks.public.i.tv/core/portal/home>. You can also view previous meetings.

Agendas and minutes of previous meetings are available to be viewed at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/south-yorkshire-governance/south-yorkshire-governance/south-yorkshire-fire-and-rescue-authority/>.

Any More Questions?

If you require any additional information, or you have any questions please contact **Daisy Thorpe, Council Governance Officer, South Yorkshire Joint Authorities Governance Unit**

Tel: 01226 787327, Email: daisythorpe@barnsley.gov.uk

Additionally, if you'd like to attend a meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority please discuss this with your Line Manager.

South Yorkshire Joint Authorities, Barnsley Town Hall, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 2TA



SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?



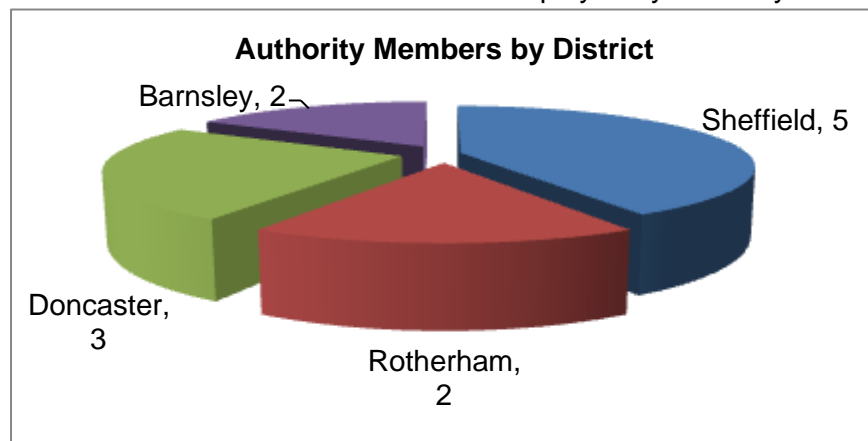
WHO ARE WE?

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority is a statutory body made up of 12 local Councillors from the four South Yorkshire Districts of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. The South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner is also a Member of the Authority.

The primary responsibilities of the Authority are laid down in legislation including the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and the Local Government Act 1999 to provide an effective, economic and efficient Fire and Rescue Service.

The Authority funds South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and works with the Chief Fire Officer to deliver the vision of 'Making South Yorkshire Safer and Stronger' through a range of corporate aspirations and performance measures.

The Authority was established in 1986 following the abolition of South Yorkshire County Council. It is supported by the South Yorkshire Joint Authorities Governance Unit who are employed by Barnsley MBC.



Members are nominated to sit on the Fire Authority by their District and agreed every year at the Annual Meeting in June. The number of Members is decided by population, so there are two from Barnsley, two from Rotherham, 3 from Doncaster and 5 from Sheffield. The political make-up of the Authority is dependent on the ruling Party within each District.

Supporting the Authority are the following:

Audit and Governance Committee

Considers and approves audit reports and maintains an overview of the Authority's regulatory framework such as the Constitution and Financial Regulations. The Committee is made up of 6 Members (and excludes the Chair which is recommended best practice) and has 3 independent members providing additional expertise and support.

Joint Liaison Forum

The purpose of the Joint Liaison Forum is to provide leadership, scrutiny, and guidance in respect of all matters relating to the workforce. It meets approximately four times a year and all 13 Members of the Authority are invited to attend, along with trade union representatives and officers of the Fire and Rescue Service.

Corporate Advisory Group

An informal Group which provides the opportunity for senior Members of the Authority and the Chief Fire Officer to discuss a range of issues in advance of formal meetings.

Performance and Scrutiny Board

The Board provides independent scrutiny and challenge on all aspects of the Service's performance, undertakes pre and post-implementation reviews as required. It also provides an opportunity for more in-depth discussion and examination of specific issues. The Board consists of 7 Members of the Authority.

Stakeholder Planning Board

Oversees consultation and communication with all stakeholders – private, public, voluntary and community.

SUPPORTING AND SCRUTINISING THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

There is much work that goes on behind the scenes before a Fire Authority meeting to support the decision-making process. The Authority has a full governance structure which allows them to discuss, consider, scrutinise, challenge, monitor and question the Chief Fire Officer and his management team on the way the Service is run.

The **full Fire and Rescue Authority** meets eight times each municipal year (from June to June) and is supported by the governance structure and meetings listed below.

In addition, Corporate Advisory Group events are held approximately every six weeks to consider the key topics such as the budget, service delivery etc. These sessions can be lengthy and involve Members in considerable detail.














The public, and the staff within the Service, can be assured that all decisions at an Authority meeting are never taken lightly, and are done based on a wealth of information and prior discussion. Some Members have also taken on additional 'Lead' roles in the areas such as Scrutiny, Risk Management and Equality and Inclusion to support the Service even further.

The Authority meets eight times per year to take decisions on the finances and strategic leadership of the Fire and Rescue Service.

But there's much more to being a Fire and Rescue Authority Member than the main Authority meeting.

First and foremost, Members of the Authority serve their own Districts, and their individual Wards and communities. Some Members also have full or part-time jobs as well as their Council responsibilities.

For example, the Chair of the Authority, Cllr Charlie Hogarth, serves the public of the Bentley Ward in Doncaster, along with two other elected Members. Bentley Ward has a population of approximately 18,000 people. Cllr Hogarth sits on many other Committees and Forums not just for the local authority but also in the community. The Authority's other 12 Members have similar commitments in their own local authority and communities.

					
<p>Cllr Charlie Hogarth (LAB) Section 41 (Doncaster) Chair</p>	<p>Cllr Anita Cherryholme (LAB) Section 41 (Barnsley) Vice-Chair</p>	<p>Cllr Tony Damms (LAB) Section 41 (Sheffield) Chair – Stakeholder Planning Board</p>	<p>Cllr Janet Ridler (LAB) (Sheffield)</p>	<p>Cllr Trevor Smith (LAB) (Barnsley)</p>	<p>Cllr Simon Ball (CONS) (Rotherham) Chair – Performance & Scrutiny Board</p>
					
<p>Cllr Marieanne Elliot (GREEN) Sheffield</p>	<p>Cllr Sue Alston (LIB DEM) (Sheffield)</p>	<p>Cllr Steve Ayris (LIB DEM) (Sheffield) Opposition Group Leader</p>	<p>Cllr Stuart Sansome (LAB) Section 41 (Rotherham) Chair – Audit & Governance Committee</p>	<p>Cllr Debbie Hutchinson (LAB) (Doncaster)</p>	<p>Cllr Barry Johnson (LAB) (Doncaster)</p>
 <p>Dr Alan Billings Police & Crime Commissioner</p>					

