



**Service Policy: PODPOL01
Overarching Redundancy Policy**

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X						

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Legislation:

Title	The Employee Relations Act 1996
	Trade Union and Labour Relations (consolidation) Act 2004
	Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 2004
	The Employment Equality (age) Regulations 2006
	The Collective Redundancies (amendment) Regulations 2006
	The Equalities Act 2010

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1. Policy Introduction and Background:

The Authority recognises that innovation, change and flexibility are essential requirements in any successful organisation and in the delivery of its service to the Community. As a result, the Authority is committed to review and where necessary change working practises and structures to ensure that Merseyside Fire Authority maintains its modern and forward-looking approach.

Periods of change often leads to uncertainty during the process. Where change may result in job losses there is an understandable and negative impact on employee feelings regarding their job security, morale, motivation and engagement levels. The Authority understands and will strive to minimise employee concerns during this stressful time.

2. Policy Explanation:

Consultation

The Authority is committed to open, fair and respectful treatment of its employees who are involved in change. It will enter into meaningful consultation with both individual employees and the representative bodies. Information and communication will be disseminated in good time to allow employees to understand and fully participate in the change process.

Redeployment

Where employees are at risk of redundancy or, who may have their employment terminated due to the expiry of a fixed term contract, the Authority will aim to redeploy a skilled employee into a suitable alternative post.

Redundancy

Any employee placed at risk of redundancy will be selected as a result of a fair and transparent process which assesses their skills and experience alongside their demonstration of the Authority values.

Where a decision has been made to terminate a contract of employment the Authority will observe statutory redundancy payment criteria and will explain to the employee how their final payment is to be made to them. Depending on the circumstances of the redundancy, the Authority may on a case by case basis consider an enhanced redundancy package.

Support

In every case the Authority will offer support for the emotional impact of change and also offer practical help through our internal outplacement service, such as cv writing, tutorials and interview skills for employees who are impacted by the change.

It is additionally recognised that employees who are not directly impacted by change or who secure a role after the change process may also feel distressed or have residual concerns. The Authority commits to providing help and support through open management practices, communication and through the utilisation of the professional guidance provided by our Health and Wellbeing team.

In order to support these aims the Authority has the following Service Instructions in place

- Redundancy Service Instruction
- Relocation Service Instruction

3. Policy Implementation:

- SI0695 Redundancy
- PODPOL05 Relocation

All Policies can be found on the [Website](#)

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