

Who we are

Authority Officers

The Authorised (Statutory) Officers roles within the Fire Service are crucial in terms of the strategic development of the fire service, effective operational management and supporting the policy making and performance management roles at Elected Member level. The Authorised Officer contacts and roles are as follows:-

Legal Adviser and
Monitoring Officer

Mr Peter Devlin
Hartlepool Borough Council,
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Hartlepool, TS24 8AY
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Treasurer to the Fire Authority

Mr A. Emmerson
Cleveland Fire Authority
Endeavour House
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Hartlepool, TS25 5TB
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Treasurer

The Treasurer fulfils the role of "Responsible Financial Officer" for the purposes of statutory functions set out in various statutes from time to time, including but not confined to Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Local Government Finance Regulations 2000. As a precepting Authority it is beneficial for the Treasurer's role to be independent of each of the constituent authorities. The Treasurer ensures there is a strong financial management, underpinned by effective controls and a prudential financial framework for budgeting and control of expenditure. The Chief Finance Officer of Hartlepool Borough Council is the Deputy Treasurer, who provides financial support related to the day to day financial management strategic advice and cover in the Treasurer's absence.

Legal Adviser and Monitoring Officer

The statutory role of Monitoring Officer is provided by the Chief Solicitor of Hartlepool Borough Council. In accordance with section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 he is subject to a duty to report to the authority if he becomes aware that the authority has acted or proposes to act in contravention of any enactment or rule of law or in a manner that amounts to maladministration. As the Legal Adviser, he provides advice and support in matters of propriety, governance and general legal advice.