

**Meeting of the Full Council  
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 18 October 2018**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**Part A**

Electoral Division affected:  
None;

**Rural Services Network - Appointment of County Council Representative**

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**Executive Summary**

Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of a county council representative to serve on the Rural Services Network for the 2018/19 municipal year.

**Recommendation**

Full Council is asked to approve the appointment of County Councillor Cosima Towneley to serve on the Rural Services Network until the Annual Meeting of Full Council in May 2019.

**Background and Advice**

The Rural Services Network is a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association and was formed as a successor body to the Local Government Association's Rural Commission. It acts as the national champion for rural services, ensuring that people in rural areas have a strong voice, and works for a fair deal for rural communities to maintain their social and economic viability for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

The County Council has been invited to nominate a member to serve on the Rural Services Network and it is considered that membership would benefit Lancashire and its rural communities. It is proposed that County Councillor Cosima Towneley be appointed to serve as the County Council's representative on the Rural Services Network until the Annual Meeting of Full Council in May 2019.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

There are no risks associated with the proposals set out in this report.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A