

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 23 May 2013**

Report submitted by the Chief Executive

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None

Appointments to the Local Government Association – General Assembly, Urban Commission, Rural Commission, Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues and County Councils’ Network

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Executive Summary

The Local Government Association (LGA) has invited Member Authorities to appoint their representatives to serve on its General Assembly for 2013/14 and to attend the Annual General Meeting of the General Assembly on 2 July 2013. In addition, the Full Council is invited to appoint representatives to serve on the LGA Urban and Rural Commissions, and the Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues for 2013/14.

Full Council is also entitled to appoint representatives to serve on the County Councils Network (CCN), a Special Interest Group of the LGA, in 2013/14.

Recommendation

The Full Council is asked to:

- i. Appoint up to four representatives to serve on the LGA General Assembly for 2013/14.
- ii. Agree that those representatives (or nominated substitutes) together with up to four observers, be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the Assembly to be held in Manchester Central on 2 July 2013, and to determine which representative(s) will carry the County Council’s 12 votes.
- iii. Confirm the County Council’s two nominated representatives to serve on the LGA Urban Commission in 2013/14.
- iv. Consider whether the County Council should remain a member of the Rural Commission in 2013/14 and, if so, to nominate up to two representatives.
- v. Appoint one member to serve on the Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues.
- vi. Appoint up to four representatives to serve on the County Councils Network in 2013/14.

Background

i) LGA General Assembly

The County Council is entitled to appoint up to four representatives to serve on the Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly for 2013/14. The General Assembly Annual Meeting this year is in Manchester Central on 2 July 2013.

The County Council is also entitled to 12 corporate votes at the General Assembly (equal to the number of District Councils in the Authority's area) and has the right to nominate the representative(s) who will carry and exercise the 12 votes.

ii) LGA Urban and Rural Commissions

The County Council is entitled to appoint up to two representatives to attend meetings of both the LGA Urban and Rural Commissions, either two elected Members or one Member and one officer.

The County Council is entitled to 12 votes on the Urban Commission (equal to the number of District Councils in its area) and one vote on the Rural Commission.

iii) The LGA's Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues

The Local Government Association's Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues comprises elected members from coastal local authorities. Its principal aim is to establish improved governance, management and community well-being to ensure that the UK has the best managed coast in Europe, and to identify appropriate and sustainable funding strategies to support this aim. The Group meets at the LGA offices in London three times per year and elsewhere in a coastal location in England annually for its Annual General Meeting. The County Council is invited to appoint one member.

iv) County Councils' Network (CCN)

The County Council is entitled to up to four places on the County Councils Network (CCN), a Special Interest Group of the LGA established to promote the voice of counties within the LGA and the values and interests of the English Counties.

Consultations

N/A

Implications: e.g. Financial, Legal, Personnel, Human Rights, Crime and Disorder or Other

This item has the following implications:

N/A

Risk Management:

There are no risk management implications arising from this item

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List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Ext
LGA Alert No. 10/13, 12/13 & 13/13	March/April 2013	Janet Mulligan, Office of the Chief Executive Ext 33361

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A