

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 July 2020**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

**Appointments to the Local Government Association's General Assembly,
Boards and Special Interest Groups for 2020/21**

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Executive Summary

The Local Government Association has invited member authorities to appoint their representatives to serve on its General Assembly for 2020/21.

This report also requests Full Council to consider the appointment of representatives to serve on a number of the Local Government Association's Special Interest Groups for 2020/21, and to note the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Consider and agree the representation and appointments to serve on the Local Government Association's General Assembly and Special Interest Groups, as set out in the report, for 2020/21.
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, to agree which representative(s) should carry the county council's 12 votes at the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.
- (iii) Note the arrangements for appointments to the Local Government Association's Boards.

Background and Advice

The county council appoints members to serve on the Local Government Association's General Assembly, and a number of Special Interest Groups. Political

Groups also appoint members to the Local Government Association's Boards, of which there are ten.

These appointments would usually be made at the Annual General Meeting. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no Annual General Meeting was held this year. In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, all appointments made at the previous Annual General Meeting were carried over until such time as Full Council determines.

(i) Local Government Association General Assembly

The county council is entitled to appoint up to four representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly which meets annually. The annual meeting takes place as part of the Annual Conference and Exhibition which, in 2020, had been due to take place from 30 June to 2 July but which has been postponed.

The county council is also entitled to 12 corporate votes at the General Assembly (equal to the number of district council's in the authority's area) and has the right to nominate the representative(s) who will carry and exercise the 12 votes.

County Councillors A Ali, G Driver, K Iddon and P Williamson were appointed to serve on the General Assembly for 2019/20 with County Councillor G Driver carrying and exercising the 12 votes.

(ii) Local Government Association Special Interest Groups

- Coastal Issues

The 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 county council's representative on this body in 2019/20 was County Councillor S Clarke.

- Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum

The Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum seeks to build capacity within local government to engage effectively with nuclear legacy management and works to represent the views of member local authorities to national bodies.

The county council's representative on this body in 2019/20 was County Councillor M Green.

- Rural Services Network

The Rural Services Network is the national champion for rural services, ensuring that people in rural areas have a strong voice. The Network is fighting to secure a fair deal for rural communities to maintain their social and economic viability for the benefit of the country as a whole.

The county council's representative on this body in 2019/20 was County Councillor C Towneley.

(iii) Local Government Association Boards

Local Government Association Boards engage with and develop a thorough understanding of councils' priorities in relation to their particular programme area. They also help shape the Local Government Association's business plan and, through extensive engagement with councils, oversee programmes of work that deliver the strategic priorities set by the Local Government Association's Executive.

There are ten Boards in total and appointments to the Boards are made by political groups.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant implications 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