

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 23 May 2024

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

**Appointments to the Local Government Association's General Assembly,
Boards and Special Interest Groups for 2024/25**

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Brief Summary

The Local Government Association has invited member authorities to appoint their representatives to serve on its General Assembly for 2024/25.

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 2024/25, 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 2024/25.
- (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.



Detail

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.

(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 in 2024 will take place on 2 July with nominations required to be submitted by 7 June 2024.

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) 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 appoints one representative to the Special Interest Group on Coastal Issues.

- 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 appoints one representative to the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum.

- 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 appoints one representative to the Rural Services Network.



(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:

Legal

There are no legal implications.

Financial

There are no financial implications.

Risk management

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations 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

