
Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 26 May 2011

Subject: Local Government Association General Assembly 2011/12 - Appointment of Representatives

Report of: Director of Corporate Commissioning

Wards Affected: All

Is this a Key Decision? Yes

Is it included in the Forward Plan?
Yes

Exempt/Confidential

No

Purpose/Summary

To appoint representatives to serve on the General Assembly of the Local Government Association for 2011/12 and to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on 28 June 2011 in Birmingham.

To agree the distribution of the voting power between the representatives appointed.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet is requested to:

- (1) appoint named representatives to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the Local Government Association in 2011/12 and the Annual Meeting on 28 June 2011;
- (2) indicate the distribution of the voting power between the representatives appointed;
- (3) if appropriate, to nominate substitutes if any of the representatives in (i) above, are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on 28 June 2011;
- (4) indicate if any Observers are to be invited to attend the Annual Meeting on 28 June 2011;
- (5) indicate if any of the representatives attending the Annual Meeting will be attending the Annual Conference from 29 to 30 June 2011.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To enable the details of the Council's representation to be notified to the Local Government Association.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None arising from this report. The Council will pay a membership fee to the Local Government Association for 2011/12 and the costs of attendance at the Annual Meeting and Conference will be met from the Members' Allowances Scheme.

(B) Capital Costs

None arising from this report.

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal - None

Human Resources- None		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

The appointment of Council representatives on to the General Assembly of the Local Government Association will ensure that the interests of Sefton are taken into account.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD.740) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD101/11) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

No.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet.

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Background Papers:

The following papers are available for inspection by contacting the above officer(s).

Letter dated 23 March 2011 from the Local Government Association.

1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Authority has been invited to appoint representatives to serve on the Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly for 2011/12 and to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday 28 June 2011 in the Birmingham International Centre.
- 1.2 The Council has previously decided to cease its membership of the LGA as part of the budget savings agreed under the Transformation Programme but a twelve month notice period needs to be observed and the Membership will conclude at the end of the 2011/12 Council Year.

2. **Attendance of Representatives and Voting at the General Assembly**

- 2.1 This Authority has been invited to nominate **up to four** named representatives to attend meetings of the Assembly.
- 2.2 Voting at the General Assembly is allocated on the basis of population bands and Sefton will again be entitled to **five votes**.
- 2.3 **Those Authorities who are entitled to more than one vote must indicate in advance how these votes will be exercised at the meeting.** The Members nominated to attend during 2010/11 and the distribution of voting power was as follows:-

Councillor Brodie-Browne	(3 votes)
Councillor P. Dowd	(2 votes)

- 2.4 Based on the political composition of the Council for 2011/12, the representatives from Sefton with the voting power distributed between them would be as follows:-

Labour nominee - 3 votes
Lib Dem nominee - 2 votes

- 2.5 If any of the representatives appointed to serve on the General Assembly for 2011/12 are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on 28 June 2011, substitutes are permitted, provided that written notice is given. The Authority can also invite Observers (including Officers) to attend the Annual Meeting.

3. **Local Government Association Annual Conference**

- 3.1 The LGA Annual Conference follows on from the General Assembly meeting and will be held from 29 to 30 June 2011. The Members nominated to attend the General Assembly meeting may attend the Conference if they so wish.