
Report to: Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 24 May 2012

Subject: Local Government Association General Assembly 2012/13 - Appointment of Representation

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 the representative(s) to serve on the General Assembly of the Local Government Association for 2012/13 and to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on 26 June 2012 in the Birmingham International Convention Centre.

To agree the distribution of the voting power for the representative(s) appointed.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet is requested to:

- (1) appoint up to 4 named representative(s) to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the Local Government Association in 2012/13 and the Annual Meeting on 26 June 2012;
- (2) indicate the distribution of the voting power for the representative(s) appointed;
- (3) if appropriate, to nominate a substitute(s), if the representative(s) in (1) above, is unable to attend the Annual Meeting on 26 June 2012;
- (4) indicate if any Observers are to be invited to attend the Annual Meeting on 26 June 2012;
- (5) indicate if the representative(s) attending the Annual Meeting will be attending the Local Government Association Annual Conference from 27 to 29 June 2012.

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 2012/13 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 (FD1514/12) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD846) 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 2012/13 and to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26 June 2012 in the Birmingham International Convention Centre.
- 1.2 The Council has previously decided to give notice of the withdrawals of its membership of the LGA as part of the budget savings agreed under the Transformation Programme but it was agreed by the Cabinet on 16 February 2012 and Council on 1 March 2012 that the period of notice to withdraw from Membership of the Local Government Association be extended from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.

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 2011/12 and the distribution of voting power was as follows:-

Councillor Maher	(3 votes)
Councillor Brodie-Browne	(2 votes)

- 2.4 The LGA has confirmed that the distribution of voting powers is entirely at the discretion on the individual local authority. Therefore the Cabinet is asked to consider this distribution for 2012/13. It should be noted that it is permissible to nominate representatives who may attend meetings even if they do not have voting rights.
- 2.5 If the representative(s) appointed to serve on the General Assembly for 2012/13 are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on 26 June 2012, 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 27 to 29 June 2012. The Members nominated to attend the General Assembly meeting may attend the Conference if they so wish.