

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: 20 MAY 2010

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010/11 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

REPORT OF: ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL: NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To appoint representatives to serve on the General Assembly of the Local Government Association (LGA) for 2010/11 and to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on 6 July 2010 in Bournemouth.

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

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To enable the names of the Council's representatives to be notified to the Local Government Association.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (i) to appoint named representatives to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the LGA in 2010/11 and the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2010;
- (ii) to indicate the distribution of the voting power between the representatives appointed;
- (iii) if appropriate, to nominate substitutes if any of the representatives in (i) above, are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2010;
- (iv) to indicate if any Observers are to be invited to attend the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2010.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: Not appropriate

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of this meeting

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: Not to make the appointments would deprive the Council of representation on the LGA General Assembly

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: Not appropriate

Financial: None

Legal: None

Risk Assessment: Not appropriate

Asset Management: Not appropriate

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

NONE

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

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

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Letter dated 24 March, 2010 from the LGA

BACKGROUND:

1. Introduction

The Authority has been invited to appoint representatives to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly for 2010/11 and to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on 6 July 2010 in Bournemouth.

2. Attendance of Representatives and Voting at the General Assembly

This Authority has been invited to nominate up to **four** named representatives to attend meetings of the Assembly.

Voting at the General Assembly is allocated on the basis of population bands and Sefton will again be entitled to **five votes**.

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 2009/10 and the distribution of voting power were as follows:-

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

Based on the political composition of the Council for 2010/11, the four representatives from Sefton with the voting power distributed between them would be as follows:-

Labour nominee - two votes
Lib/Dem nominee - two votes
Lib/Dem nominee - one vote
Conservative nominee - one vote

If any of the representatives appointed to serve on the General Assembly for 2010/11 are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2010, 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

The LGA Annual Conference follows on from the General Assembly meeting and concludes on 8 July 2010. The Members nominated to attend the General Assembly meeting will be invited to attend the Conference if they so wish.

4. Recommendations

The Cabinet is recommended:-

- (i) to appoint named representatives to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the LGA in 2010/11 and the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2010;
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- (iii) if appropriate, to nominate substitutes if any of the representatives in (i) above are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on 6 July 2010;
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