

LGA General Assembly

Agenda

Tuesday, 2 July 2019
11.45 am

Windsor Hall, Bournemouth International
Centre, Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2
5BH

To: General Assembly representatives, substitutes and observers attending the meeting

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LGA General Assembly

2 July 2019

There will be a meeting of the LGA General Assembly at **11.45 am on Tuesday, 2 July 2019 in Windsor Hall, Bournemouth International Centre (BIC), Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5BH.**

Information for Members

Location and Venue Map

Location and venue maps are included at the back of the agenda. All meetings take place in the Bournemouth International Centre.

Registration

Registration and exhibition will be open from 8.30am on Tuesday 2 July. The registration desks will be situated in the Windsor Foyer at the main entrance.

All delegates should register their attendance **before** going to their Group Meetings.

General Assembly 2019 - Voting

The LGA's Articles of Association state that questions shall, wherever possible, be determined by a show of hands. A ballot may be held if: the Chairman considers it desirable, or immediately after the Chairman has declared the result of voting, representatives from not less than one-third of the authorities represented at the meeting rising in their seats demand a ballot. If a recorded vote is required, **representatives with the right to vote** should complete, sign and detach the voting slip at the back of their General Assembly agenda and hand it to the hall staff. If you do not have a printed agenda, please request voting slips from the hall staff. The actual votes cast will be determined retrospectively and the LGA will notify the Chief Executives of all member authorities of the result of the ballot as soon as possible.

Security

For security reasons **it is essential that all representatives and observers wear their badges for the General Assembly Meeting and conference.**

There will be security personnel onsite in the registration area and throughout the venue. There will be random bag searches during the registration period – delegates will be expected to offer their bag for checking if requested. Please do allow more time for registering for the event.

All delegates (those who are attending the General Assembly Annual Meeting and the Annual Conference and those who are attending the General Assembly only) will be sent their badges prior to the event.

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Up to 4 Hours: £7.50

Up to 6 Hours: £10.00

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10pm - 8am *

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Wi-Fi and Social Media

Free Wi-Fi will be available throughout the Bournemouth International Centre.

Before, during and after the conference you will be able to join the conversation on twitter @LGAComms #LGAconf19

Conference App

The conference app will enable you to access everything you'll need to know about this year's annual conference. Available to use on both android and apple devices, the app will provide information about the conference programme, speaker biogs, exhibitors, and the venue.

Meeting of the General Assembly

Seating

The General Assembly will be held in **Winsor Hall** in the Bournemouth International Centre, Birmingham starting at **11.45am**.

Space will be allocated for wheelchair users within the Hall.

Questions

For delegates wishing to speak/ask questions, there will be roving microphones during the General Assembly and speakers will be called by the chairperson. Delegates will be asked to announce their name and authority clearly before addressing the meeting.

Dietary requirements

Please remember to advise the LGA events team of any special requirements as soon as possible. It may not be possible to meet special dietary needs if these are not notified before the day of the meeting. LGA events team email: events@local.gov.uk.

Refreshments, lunches and drinks receptions will take place within the exhibition area in the main exhibition halls, unless otherwise specified. If you have pre-ordered a special diet, please identify yourself to catering staff in the exhibition halls. Vegetarian diets are available at any service point.

Hearing

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Cloakroom

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Conference Office and Information

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Toilets

Toilets are clearly marked on the venue plan. The BIC has accessible toilets in all main areas and these are fitted with an audible emergency alarm for use in the event of customers encountering difficulties.

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Conference Programme

The Annual Meeting of the General Assembly will take place in the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC), Exeter Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5BH.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8.30am - 10.00am	Registration and Refreshments	Windsor Foyer – main entrance
	Exhibition Viewing and Refreshments	Tregonwell / Purbeck Halls / Bourne Lounge
10.00am - 11.30am	Political Group meetings:	
	LGA Conservative Group	Windsor Hall
	LGA Labour Group	Solent Hall
	LGA Liberal Democrat Group	Tregonwell Hall
	LGA Independent Group	Bayview Suite
11.45am - 12.45pm	General Assembly Meeting	Windsor Hall
12.45pm	Close of General Assembly	
12.45pm - 2.00pm	Lunch and Exhibition Viewing	Tregonwell / Purbeck Halls / Bourne Lounge
1.30pm	Opening of Annual Conference	Windsor Hall

Agenda

General Assembly

Tuesday 2 July 2019

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Election of LGA President

Purpose of the report

To invite the General Assembly to elect a President for 2019/20, under Part 3 - Paragraph 9 of the LGA Articles of Association.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly elects Lord Kerslake as President of the Association for 2019/20.

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Election of LGA Chairman

Purpose of the report

To invite the General Assembly to elect the Chairman of the Local Government Association (LGA) for 2019/20.

Background

The LGA's Constitution (Article 21.1) provides for the General Assembly, at its Annual Meeting each year, to elect a Chairman from amongst the members representing full member authorities. Under Article 21.2, the largest political group at the point of calculating the political balance will nominate the Chairman of the Association. The LGA's Governance Framework sets out that the Chairman of the Association also holds the equivalent office on the Board of Directors of the LGA (the Leadership Board) and the LGA Executive.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly elects the Chairman of the Association on the nomination of the Conservative Group, which was the largest political group at the point of calculating the LGA's political balance for 2019/20.

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Election of LGA Vice-Chairs and Deputy Chairs

Purpose of the report

To invite the General Assembly to elect four Vice-Chairs and ten Deputy Chairs for 2019/20 under Article 21.1 of the Articles of Association.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly elects four Vice-Chairs of the Association and nine Deputy Chairs for 2019/20, on the nomination of the four political groups.

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Election of LGA Vice-Chairs and Deputy Chairs

Background

1. The LGA Articles of Association (Article 21.1) provide for the General Assembly at its Annual meeting each year to elect Vice-Chairs and Deputy Chairs, on the nomination of the relevant political groups.
2. Under Article 21.2 of the LGA Articles of Association, each group whose share of the weighted electorate exceeds 5 per cent of the total is entitled to one Vice-Chair. The larger groups are also entitled to Deputy Chairs according to proportionality. Under the 2019/20 political breakdown, four groups - Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent - meet the criteria and are entitled to:

	Conservative	Labour	Independent	Lib Dem
Chairman	1	0	0	0
Vice-Chair	1	1	1	1
Deputy-Chair	3	4	1	1

3. Under the Articles of Association (Article 21.2), the Chair of the Association at the point of calculating the LGA political balance is nominated by the largest group. The Vice-Chair nominated by the second largest group shall be the Senior Vice-Chair of the Association (Article 21.4)
4. In the event of any of the above positions being the subject of a vote at the General Assembly, full members may exercise their vote in accordance with Article 17.1 of the Articles of Association.
5. Welsh authorities in corporate membership of the Association may exercise their vote in accordance with Articles 17.2 and 17.3 of the Articles of Association.



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LGA Vice-Presidents 2019/20

Purpose of report

To invite the General Assembly to note the appointments of Vice-Presidents for 2019/20, under Article 9.2 of the LGA Articles of Association.

Summary

This report sets out those Members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords the LGA Political Groups have invited to be Vice-Presidents for 2019/20.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly notes the appointment of the Members of Parliament and Peers, listed below as Vice-Presidents for 2019/2020.

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LGA Vice-Presidents 2019/2020

Set out below are the Vice-President appointments for 2019/20:

Conservative

1. The Conservative Vice-President appointments are:

- 1.1 Charles Walker MP (Broxbourne);
- 1.2 Bob Blackman MP (Harrow East);
- 1.3 Andrew Lewer MP (Northampton South);
- 1.4 Simon Hoare MP (North Dorset);
- 1.5 Marcus Jones MP (Nuneaton);
- 1.6 Julia Lopez MP (Hornchurch and Upminster);
- 1.7 Maria Caulfield MP (Lewes);
- 1.8 Tim Loughton MP (East Worthing and Shoreham);
- 1.9 Jeremy LeFroy MP (Stafford);
- 1.10 Mark Pawsey MP (Rugby);
- 1.11 Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire);
- 1.12 Gillian Keegan MP (Chichester);
- 1.13 Neil O'Brien MP (Harborough);
- 1.14 Baroness Couttie;
- 1.15 Lord Whitby;
- 1.16 Lord True;
- 1.17 Baroness Eaton; and
- 1.18 Baroness Scott of Bybrook.

Labour

2. The Labour Vice-President appointments are:

- 2.1 Clive Betts MP (Sheffield South East);
- 2.2 Catherine McKinnell MP (Newcastle upon Tyne North);
- 2.3 Steve Reed MP (Croydon North);
- 2.4 Wes Streeting MP (Ilford North);
- 2.5 Catherine West MP (Hornsey and Wood Green);
- 2.6 Jim McMahon MP (Oldham West and Royton);
- 2.7 Jo Platt MP (Leigh);
- 2.8 Preet Kaur Gill MP (Edgbaston, Birmingham);
- 2.9 Helen Hayes MP (Dulwich and West Norwood);
- 2.10 Diana Johnson MP (Kingston upon Hull North);
- 2.11 Anna Turley MP (Redcar);
- 2.12 Mike Amesbury MP (Weaver Vale);
- 2.13 Lord Beecham;
- 2.14 Lord Kennedy of Southwark;
- 2.15 Baroness Smith of Basildon;
- 2.16 Lord Smith of Leigh;



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- 2.17 Lord Whitty; and
- 2.18 Lord Bassam of Brighton.

Liberal Democrats

3. The Liberal Democrat Vice-President appointments are:

- 3.1 Tim Farron MP (Westmorland and Lonsdale);
- 3.2 Sir Norman Lamb MP (North Norfolk);
- 3.3 Layla Moran MP (Oxford West and Abingdon);
- 3.4 Wera Hobhouse MP (Bath);
- 3.5 Lord Tope;
- 3.6 Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville;
- 3.7 Baroness Janke;
- 3.8 Baroness Maddock;
- 3.9 Baroness Scott of Needham Market;
- 3.10 Lord Shipley;
- 3.11 Baroness Pinnock;
- 3.12 Baroness Thornhill;
- 3.13 Lord Storey; and
- 3.14 Lord Scriven.

Independents

4. The Independent Vice-President appointments are:

- 4.1 Lord Best (crossbench);
- 4.2 Lord Adebawale (crossbench);
- 4.3 Earl of Lytton (crossbench);
- 4.4 Baroness Howarth of Breckland (crossbench);
- 4.5 Baroness Greengross (crossbench);
- 4.6 Baroness Grey-Thompson (crossbench);
- 4.7 Lord Bichard (crossbench);
- 4.8 Baroness Greenfield (crossbench);
- 4.9 Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb (Green);
- 4.10 Bishop of St Albans (crossbench);
- 4.11 Lord Wigley (Plaid Cymru);
- 4.12 Earl of Listowel (crossbench);
- 4.13 Baroness Young of Hornsey (crossbench);
- 4.14 Liz Saville-Roberts MP (Plaid Cymru, Dwyfor Meirionnydd);
- 4.15 Ben Lake MP (Plaid Cymru, Ceredigion); and
- 4.16 Caroline Lucas MP (Green, Brighton Pavilion).

Code of Conduct

- 5. The LGA President and Vice-Presidents are required to operate in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons. This has been made clear in invitations to new Vice-Presidents and will be referenced in letters to those Vice-Presidents whose role is being renewed for a further year.



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Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications to this paper.

2019 Annual Report of the Audit Committee

Purpose of report

For decision.

Summary

The Audit Committee met on the 3 June 2019. The annual report in **Appendix A** provides an overview of areas reviewed and work undertaken by the Audit Committee in 2018/19 in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly note the report.

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2019 Annual Report of the Audit Committee

Introduction

1. The responsibilities of the LGA's Audit Committee are to:
 - 1.1. review the financial statements prepared for the LGA and its associated companies
 - 1.2. monitor the processes for managing risks, internal controls and corporate governance arrangements
 - 1.3. oversee the appointments of the external and internal auditors and commission and review their work
 - 1.4. consider issues of probity and conduct
 - 1.5. seek expert advice where necessary to provide independent internal or external assurance on key issues
2. The main focus of the Committee's work in 2018/19 has been to review the audited accounts of the LGA and its associated companies, to agree and review the findings and recommendations of the internal audit programme for the year and approve the appointment of the external auditor service provider following an OJEU procurement process.

Financial statements and external audit

3. PKF Littlejohn are the LGA's appointed external auditors for the LGA, IDeA, LGA (Properties) Ltd, LGMB and LGA Commercial Services Ltd.
4. In June 2019 the LGA's consolidated accounts for 2018/19 and the audited accounts for the four associated companies were reviewed prior to being adopted by the Leadership Board and the relevant company boards.
5. The LGA's consolidated financial statements disclose the position of the LGA as a standalone entity and include the LGA's income and expenditure accounts and balance sheet.
6. The consolidated accounts show the LGA and its related bodies made an operating deficit of £8.3m, after interest and tax.
7. Overall income increased by 1.8 per cent from £58.5m to £59.5m despite a £1m reduction in core government grant. Subscription income remained steady, with no increases in subscriptions for a further year. Income from other sources, including other grants, investments and joint ventures, increased.

8. Geoplace LLP, a joint venture between the LGA and Ordnance Survey, made a dividend payment of £2.1m in 2018/19 (compared to £1.6m in 2017/18).
9. The investment properties have been revalued at the year end. Layden House has increased in value by £2.2m despite being under construction, due to the strength of the Farringdon market. 18 Smith Square has reduced in value by £5.4m reflecting lower headline rental values across the wider Westminster area.
10. The overall pension fund deficit reported in the accounts has increased by £18.3m from £115.5m to £133.8m. The overall Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year shows separately the gains and losses that relate to changes in the actuarial assumptions used to calculate pension scheme assets and liabilities (2018/19 £16.177m loss, 2017/18 £11.639m gain). The ongoing payroll contributions made to reduce historic deficits are included within administrative expenses
11. It is standard practice for issues identified in the course of the external audit to be raised by the auditors with management and for these to be reported to the board as “recommendations on the audit control environment” in what is commonly known as the “Management Letter”. The Audit Committee received this report from the auditors at its meeting on 3 June 2019 and will monitor progress with the recommendations arising from the 2018/19 external audit.

Internal audit

12. TIAA are the LGA’s internal auditors following a procurement exercise in 2018.
13. The Audit Committee is responsible for agreeing the annual internal audit strategy and programme at the start of each financial year, taking account of the key risks identified in the LGA’s Strategic Risk Register.
14. The internal audit strategy and audit programme for 2018/19 was agreed via email in June 2018. The audit programme was split into two blocks and included a follow up of actions taken by the LGA in response to the recommendations of previous audits. TIAA have completed the programme and full reports were presented to the Audit Committee in November 2018 and June 2019. TIAA’s Annual report was presented to the Audit Committee on 3 June 2019.
15. In their annual opinion for the year 2018/19, TIAA’s Head of Internal Audit states “TIAA is satisfied that, for the areas reviewed during the year, Local Government Association has reasonable and effective risk management, control and governance processes in place”.
16. The 2018/19 audit opinions are summarised in the following table:

Internal audit assignment	Internal audit opinion
Key Financial Controls	Reasonable Assurance
ICT Contract Management and Performance	Reasonable Assurance
Information Governance & Cyber Security update	Reasonable Assurance
Contract Management	Reasonable Assurance
Refurbishment Project and Lessons learnt	Substantial Assurance
Transition: assurance review	Substantial Assurance

17. Overall the audit results have been positive. The Audit Committee has overseen the implementation of any recommendations via the follow up review conducted by TIAA on an annual basis.

Risk Management and internal control

18. The Strategic Risk Register is reviewed quarterly by the Strategic Management Team (SMT) and Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) to ensure LGA's strategic and operational risks are identified and the associated scoring reflects the LGA's current situation. The Audit Committee has reviewed the Strategic Risk Register during the course of the year, in particular focusing on ensuring that key risks facing the organisation are being effectively managed.
19. The Audit Committee receives an annual report on any instance of fraud occurring and can confirm that there were no proven instances of fraud or corruption in 2018/19.
20. The Audit Committee can also confirm that there have been no incidents of probity and conduct issues to be investigated and reported in 2018/19.

Motion: UN Sustainable Development Goals

Proposer: Mayor Marvin Rees, Bristol City Council.

Role Seconders: Cllr Judith Blake, Leader, Leeds City Council.
Mayor Joe Anderson, Liverpool City Council.

Propose that:

The Association values the importance of the [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) that address the global challenges we face including poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation and prosperity. We welcome the work being done ahead of the upcoming Voluntary National Review (VNR) in July that will consider how the UK's programmes and policies are contributing to achieving these Global Goals. The Association also welcomes the importance placed by HM Government that all levels of government work together and that its partnership with local government is a key component to successful domestic implementation of the SDGs.

Local government has a vital role to play in terms of the planning, implementation and monitoring in local areas, work that will be key in delivering the UK's progress on meeting the ambitions of the Agenda 2030. If implemented properly, each of the SDGs has the potential to be transformative in moving our areas toward a more sustainable society with many of the Goals best supported by local co-ordination and delivery through local government and its partners. Our role can also help raise awareness of these challenges by engaging our areas through local partnerships and with our citizens.

Whilst the Association agrees with Government that such partnerships are a vital component and members have supported work on developing models that engage local stakeholders as effectively as possible, this engagement needs sustainable funding and support in order for councils to effectively share research and engagement with our networks, partners and citizens, particularly given our sector's continuing funding pressures.

The benefits of exploring SDG partnership co-ordinators would be to provide a focal point for activity in our areas and demonstrate the need for local perspectives to be embedded in the delivery of the SDGs, as well as improve the capacity for councils to deliver on the Goals. Supporting such positions would also provide a common language and common roles across different areas, would facilitate the sharing of best practice and further enable the delivery of global and local priorities at the same time.

This Association therefore:

- **Calls upon Her Majesty's Government to explore supporting domestic implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through funded partnership roles within each local authority area; and**
- **Encourages councils to continue their work on linking their local priorities with the overall ambitions of the SDGs.**

LGA Comment

The LGA supports this important motion and is committed to playing its part in enabling local government to develop locally led contributions towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Goals provide a shared blueprint for a more prosperous future for all. We are clear that if the Government is committed to delivering this vision then this agenda must be embraced across all Whitehall departments and, crucially, local government must be empowered to shape the future of more prosperous and inclusive places across the country.

While not every council has an explicit policy related to the Goals at this time, the wide range of services and investment provided by local government means all councils will have an important role to play in the delivery of the Goals and their associated targets.

However, the ability of councils in England to fulfil their place leadership ambitions, and in doing so deliver on this ambitious global agenda, would be greatly increased with further devolution of powers and a fully funded, sustainable funding settlement.

With the right backing, councils can provide the local leadership required to deliver on their place-based ambitions and, through doing so, will enable the UK to show global leadership on this significant international agenda.

The LGA is committed to exploring on a cross-party basis how we can further make the case for national leadership from Westminster and Whitehall to enhance the vital role of a sustainably resourced and empowered local government sector in the successful delivery of the Goals. This activity will seek to build and expand on the work already undertaken by the LGA in relation to the Government's Voluntary National Review of the UK's progress towards the Goals.

Minutes of last General Assembly meeting

Title:	General Assembly
Date:	Tuesday 3 July 2018
Venue:	Birmingham International Convention Centre (BICC), Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Attendance 245 authorities in full membership and 12 authorities in corporate membership were represented at the meeting.	
2	Welcome by the Chief Executive of the LGA Mark Lloyd (Chief Executive) welcomed representatives to the meeting and highlighted the role of the General Assembly in electing the political leadership team that would drive the LGA agenda on behalf of all local government over the next 12 months. He also thanked all those members and officers that had played a part in the LGA to help all member councils and the communities they represented.	
3	Election of LGA President Mark Lloyd invited nominations for the position of President of the Association for 2018/19. Lord Gary Porter (South Holland District Council) moved, seconded by Cllr Nick Forbes (Newcastle City Council), that Lord Bob Kerslake be elected President of the Association until the next Annual Meeting. Decision It was moved, seconded and agreed by the General Assembly that Lord Kerslake be elected President of the Association until the next Annual Meeting.	
4	Address by the President of the LGA Lord Kerslake delivered his fourth address to the General Assembly as President of the LGA. He commented on the honour of being re-elected to the role and the work of the LGA over the previous year. He provided reflections from his work in the House of Lords working with the LGA to	

keep the voice of local government at the forefront of Parliamentary debates. He reflected on the challenges to come over the next year, focusing on the pivotal role of local government in reshaping local services and the need to devolve greater powers to authorities to enable them to deliver this.

5 Election of LGA Chairman

The President invited nominations for the position of Chairman of the Association for 2018/19.

Cllr James Jamieson (Central Bedfordshire Council) moved, seconded by Cllr Nick Forbes (Newcastle City Council), that Lord Gary Porter (South Holland District Council) be elected Chairman of the Association until the next Annual Meeting.

Decision

It was moved, seconded and **agreed** by the General Assembly that Lord Porter (South Holland District Council) be elected Chairman of the Association until the next Annual Meeting.

The Chairman thanked Lord Kerslake and took the Chair.

6 Address by the Chairman of the LGA

Lord Porter (Chairman) thanked the General Assembly for his re-election and commented on the successes and challenges of the previous year. He paid tribute to Lord Kerslake for his support and contribution to the work of the Association as its President, as well as commending the work of LGA Vice Presidents in championing local government issues across both Houses of Parliament.

In thanking the LGA Political Group Leaders and LGA Chief Executive for their support and contribution over the past 12 months, he made particular mention to a number of office holders of the Association who no longer held their positions. He thanked them warmly for their service and significant contribution to the LGA and the sector as a whole.

The Chairman closed his address with a tribute to the hard work, time and commitment of the LGA staff.

7 Election of LGA Vice-Chairs

The Chairman invited nominations and seconders for four Vice-Chairs of the Association for 2018/19.

The following nominations were moved and seconded as detailed on the overhead screen:

- Cllr Nick Forbes, Newcastle City Council (Labour)
- Cllr James Jamieson, Central Bedfordshire Council (Conservative)
- Cllr Howard Sykes MBE, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (Liberal Democrat)
- Cllr Marianne Overton MBE, Lincolnshire County Council (Independent)

Decision

It was moved, seconded and **agreed** by the General Assembly that Councillors Forbes, Jamison, Sykes and Overton were **elected** as Vice-Chairs of the Association until the next Annual Meeting.

Cllr Nick Forbes, Senior Vice-Chair of the LGA, took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

8 Election of Deputy Chairs

The Chairman invited nominations for ten Deputy-Chairs for 2018/19.

The following nominations were moved and seconded as set out on the overhead screen:

Conservative

- Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE, Warwickshire County Council
- Cllr Paul Carter CBE, Kent County Council
- Cllr David Simmonds CBE, Hillingdon London Borough Council
- Cllr Robert Alden, Birmingham City Council

Labour

- Cllr Lib Peck, Lambeth London Borough Council
- Cllr Michael Payne, Gedling Borough Council
- Cllr Anne Western CBE, Derbyshire County Council
- Cllr Peter Box CBE, Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Liberal Democrat

- Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE, Sutton London Borough Council

Independent

- Cllr Clive Woodbridge, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

Decision

It was moved, seconded and **agreed** by the General Assembly that Councillors Seccombe, Carter, Simmonds, Alden, Peck, Payne, Western, Box, Dombey and Woodbridge were **elected** as Deputy Chairs of the Association until the next Annual Meeting.

9 LGA Vice-Presidents 2018/19

The General Assembly were invited to note the appointment of Vice-

Presidents for 2018/19, under Article 7.2 of the Constitution.

Decision

The General Assembly **noted** the appointments of the following MPs, MEPs and Peers as LGA Vice-Presidents for 2018/19:

Conservative

Charles Walker MP (Broxbourne)
Bob Blackman MP (Harrow East)
Andrew Lewer MP (Northampton South)
Simon Hoare MP (North Dorset)
Edward Argar MP (Charnwood)
Robert Goodwill MP (Scarborough and Whitby)
Helen Grant MP (Maidstone and the Weald)
Marcus Jones MP (Nuneaton)
Julia Lopez MP (Hornchurch and Upminster)
Maria Caulfield MP (Lewes)
Tim Loughton MP (East Worthing and Shoreham)
Jeremy LeFroy MP (Stafford)
Mark Pawsey MP (Rugby)
Gillian Keegan MP (Chichester)
Dr Philip Lee MP (Bracknell)
Neil O'Brien MP (Harborough)
Baroness Couttie
Lord Whitby
Lord True
Baroness Eaton
Baroness Scott of Bybrook
Baroness McIntosh of Pickering
Baroness Williams of Trafford
Robert Matthews MEP (East Midlands)

Labour

Clive Betts MP (Sheffield South East)
Catherine McKinnell MP (Newcastle upon Tyne North)
Steve Reed MP (Croydon North)
Wes Streeting MP (Ilford North)
Catherine West MP (Hornsey and Wood Green)
Jim McMahon MP (Oldham West and Royton)
Jo Platt MP (Leigh)
Preet Kaur Gill MP (Birmingham, Edgbaston)
Helen Hayes MP (Dulwich and West Norwood)
Diana Johnson MP (Kingston upon Hull North)
Anna Turley MP (Redcar)
Mike Amesbury MP (Weaver Vale)
Ian Mearns MP (Gateshead)
Lord Beecham
Lord Kennedy of Southwark
Baroness Smith of Basildon
Lord Smith of Leigh

Lord Whitty
Lord Bassam of Brighton
Derek Vaughan MEP (Wales)
Rory Palmer MEP (East Midlands)

Liberal Democrats

Tim Farron MP (Westmorland and Lonsdale)
Norman Lamb MP (North Norfolk)
Layla Moran MP (Oxford West and Abingdon)
Wera Hobhouse MP (Bath)
Lord Tope
Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville
Baroness Janke
Baroness Maddock
Baroness Scott of Needham Market
Lord Shipley
Baroness Pinnock
Baroness Thornhill
Baroness Brinton
Lord Storey
Lord Scriven
Catherine Bearder MEP (South East England)

Independents

Lord Best (crossbench)
Lord Adebawale (crossbench)
Early of Lytton (crossbench)
Baroness Howarth of Breckland (crossbench)
Baroness Greengross (crossbench)
Baroness Grey-Thompson (crossbench)
Lord Macpherson of Earl's Court (crossbench)
Lord Bichard (crossbench)
Baroness Greenfield (crossbench)
Baroness Wolf of Dulwich (crossbench)
Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb (Green)
Bishop of St Albans
Lord Wigley (Plaid Cymru)
Earl of Listowel (crossbench)
Keith Taylor MEP (Green, South East)
Patrick O'Flynn MEP (UKIP)
Julia Reed MEP (UKIP)

10 Structure of the Local Government Association

Mark Lloyd moved the report, which sought the General Assembly's agreement to begin the process of transferring staff, contracts, assets and liabilities to the new LGA company, with a view to it becoming fully operational as the membership body for the LGA from 1 April 2019. He reminded members that the previous year the General Assembly had

agreed that a new incorporated LGA be set up as an unlimited company to regularise its activities and protect the interests of member councils.

Decision

The LGA General Assembly **agreed**:

1. To initiate the process of transferring the staff, contracts, assets and liabilities of the unincorporated LGA to the new incorporated company with a view to the new LGA Company becoming the membership body for the LGA from 1 April 2019 and the unincorporated LGA being dissolved at such a point thereafter as the LGA Leadership Board shall determine in accordance with resolution 2; and
2. To put to all members for decision via an electronic or postal vote and being agreed by at least two-thirds of members from full member authorities, to delegate to the LGA Leadership Board the authority to determine the date upon which the current unincorporated Association is formally closed down, once they are satisfied that the transition is complete.

The LGA General Assembly **noted**:

1. The amendment to article 30 of the Articles of Association to include definitions covering the City of London Corporation; and
2. The addition of a provision for the LGA's Associate scheme in the Governance Framework, which included fire and rescue authorities, police and crime commissioners, combined authorities and elected mayors, town and parish councils, and others.

11 LGA Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year to 31 March 2018

Mark Lloyd presented the annual report commending the LGA's consolidated financial statements for 2017/18.

Decision

The General Assembly **received** the LGA's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year to 31 March 2018.

12 2018 Annual Report of the Audit Committee

The General Assembly received an overview of areas reviewed and work undertaken by the Audit Committee in 2017/18.

Decision

The General Assembly **noted** the 2017/18 annual report of the Audit Committee.

13 Minutes of the General Assembly held on 4 July 2017

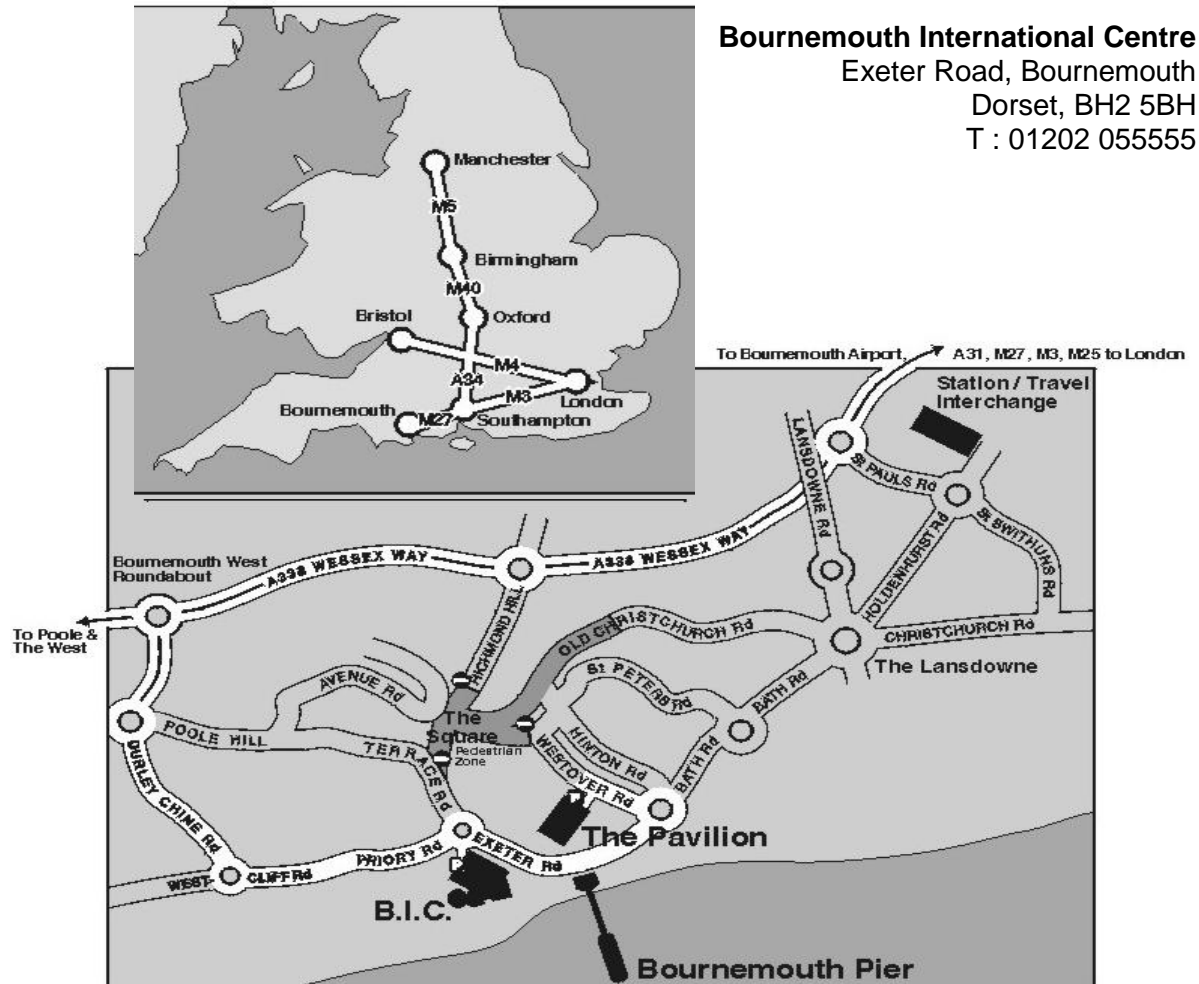
Decision

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly on 4 July 2017 were **agreed** as correct record.

14 Close of the meeting

The next Annual Meeting of the General Assembly would be held on Tuesday, 2 July 2019 in Bournemouth.

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS TO THE BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE



Road

From the M3, M27, A31 and A338.

Just two hours from London, Bristol and Brighton

Take the A338 to the Bournemouth West roundabout and then follow the signs to Bournemouth International Centre (BIC). Onsite parking when you arrive.

Rail

Just one hour 45 minutes from London and around two hours from Bristol and Brighton. Fast train services also offer regular direct connections to and from other major UK business centres. Bournemouth Interchange coach, bus and train station is about five minutes from the venue by bus, or half an hour's walk.

Air

Scheduled and charter flights to major UK and European business centres operate from nearby Bournemouth International and Southampton airports, with London Heathrow and

Gatwick airports just two hours away by road or rail. Bournemouth International Airport is a short drive away on the A338 (Wessex Way) or approximately 20 minutes by express bus.

Bus

Buses run frequently from Bournemouth Interchange and will drop you outside the venue. The journey takes about five minutes, or you can walk it in about half an hour. An express A1 bus operates between Bournemouth International Airport and Bournemouth Interchange.

On foot

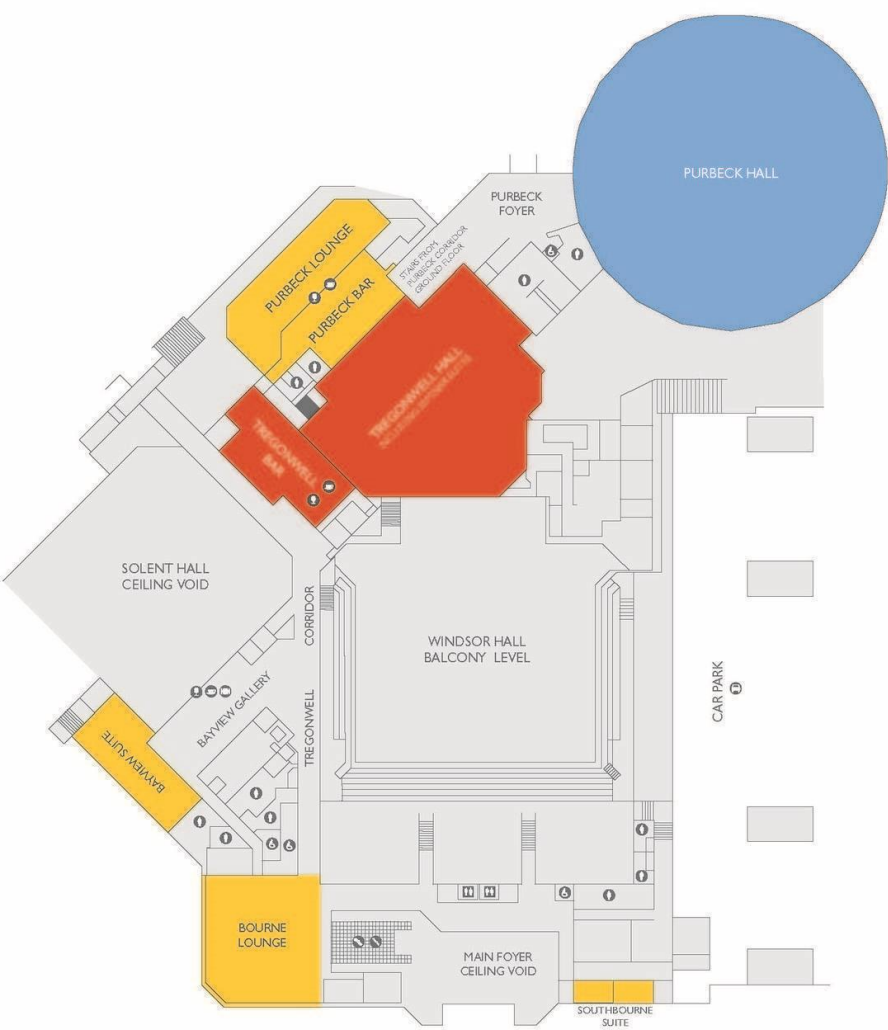
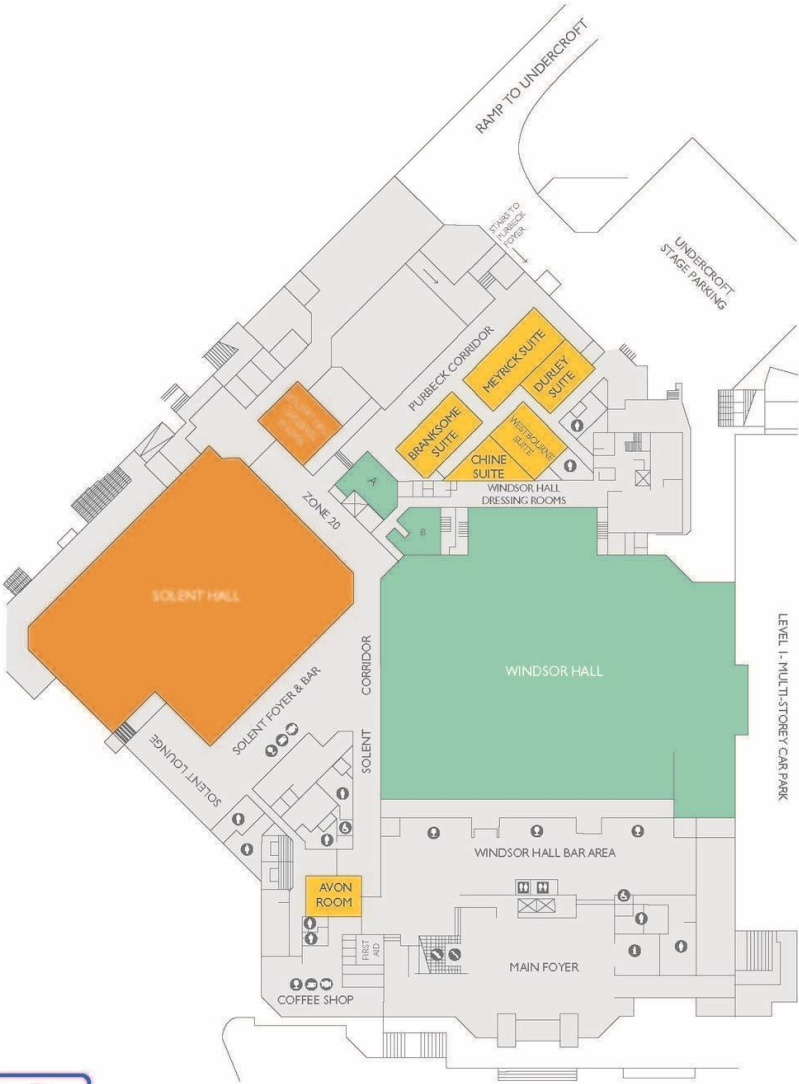
Most of Bournemouth's accommodation is within walking distance of Bournemouth International Centre, Bournemouth Pavilion, Pier Approach, Bournemouth beach and promenade, town centre shops, bars, restaurants and the destination's main arts, leisure and cultural attractions.

Parking

- Bournemouth International Centre has a large multi-storey, pay-and-display car park attached, with 700 spaces, accessible bays and a covered walkway into the venue.
- Open 24 hours and well-lit with sensory lighting.
- Credit/debit card payment accepted at machines on Levels 3 and 5. You can also pay by cash or use your mobile phone with the [Phoneandpay app](#)
- You may book and pay for a parking space in advance on show nights, subject to availability. You will need to arrange this at least 48 hours before the show's scheduled start time and arrive between 5pm and 9pm. More information at bhlivetickets.co.uk or 0300 500 0595.

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