

Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2017/18

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report sets out the outside bodies to which the LGA has appointed members for the 2017/18 meeting cycle.

Recommendation

That the LGA Leadership Board notes the list of outside bodies and representatives which the LGA has appointed to the 2017/18 meeting year.

Action

Officers to progress any actions arising as appropriate.

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Background

1. The Local Government Association (LGA) benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across a wide range of LGA member structures. These appointments are reviewed on an annual basis across the organisation to ensure that the aims and activities of those outside bodies remain pertinent to the LGA.

The Review Process

2. In the summer, all boards undertook a review of the bodies to which they appoint members to take account of bodies that have been abolished, new organisations that have been created and the LGA's priorities as set out in the Business Plan.
3. Following this review, all Boards have agreed a refreshed list of outside bodies and the elected members which would represent the LGA on these bodies for the 2017/18 meeting cycle. In doing so, boards seek to ensure that all groups recognised by the association are fairly represented and that the political balance is broadly reflected. The political group offices also have oversight of the process.

Appointments

4. The Leadership Board is asked to note the LGA's appointments for the 2017/18 meeting year, as required by the LGA's Outside Bodies Procedure. These are set out as follows:
 - 4.1 **Appendix A:** Appointments by LGA Boards.
 - 4.2 **Appendix B:** Appointments independent of the LGA Board process, but with political group, oversight. This includes central body appointments, negotiating bodies and European and international bodies.

Next Steps

5. All members appointed to represent the LGA on an outside body will be fully informed of the arrangements for those outside bodies, including meeting frequency, meeting location, membership and terms of reference.

Implications for Wales

6. Elected members from Welsh Councils are appointed to sit on the LGA's governance structure and therefore are also eligible to represent the LGA on outside bodies.

Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, which is before Members for information only. Reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be paid by the LGA for expenses incurred by a Member appointee whilst carrying out a representative role on an outside body on behalf of the LGA.