

Application from Northamptonshire PCC to join the LGA Associate Scheme

Purpose

For decision.

Summary

In July 2014, General Assembly agreed an Associate Membership scheme, open to organisations whose purpose and priorities align with those of the LGA, subject to the Leadership Board's approval of applications. Alongside the general Associate scheme, a tailored scheme was developed for Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) (**Appendix 1**).

Separately, the APCC already purchases services from the LGA's Workforce Team, which runs the Police Staff Council on behalf of 38 PCCs. This arrangement is subject to a separate Service Level Agreement.

So far Hertfordshire and Essex PCCs have joined the Associate scheme and an application has now been received from Northamptonshire. As a PCC, Northamptonshire's annual subscription would be £3,500, calculated on a pro-rata basis for the remainder of 2018/19.

In April 2018 the Home Office approved Northamptonshire PCC's application to take over responsibility for fire and rescue, although no date for this has yet been set. Once that is actioned, the subscription will become the current FRA subscription plus an additional £2000.

Recommendation

That Leadership Board accept the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner's application to join the LGA's Associate scheme.

Action

Officers to respond to Northamptonshire PCC and progress application in line with decision.

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Associate Offer for Police and Crime Commissioners

LGA associate scheme

The LGA's associate scheme is open to organisations whose purpose and priorities align with those of the Association. The LGA's constitution provides for PCCs to become either corporate associates (through a regional or national grouping) or individual associates.

PCC associate scheme

The scheme includes the following services to member PCCs..

- Access to the members-only area on the LGA website, including research briefings and policy papers and Workforce support.
- Sign up to receive policy papers and on-the-day briefings on areas of shared interest, eg fire, community safety
- Access to a range of media, policy and parliamentary updates including our seven-days a week Daily News Headlines service and our policy and parliamentary updates/bulletins.
- Support via the LGA political group offices.
- Opportunity to participate in LGA collective legal actions relevant to PCCs at a fraction of the cost of individual action.
- Access to relevant contacts (subject to data protection)
- Attendance at General Assembly.
- Opportunity, subject to the LGA's rules on Special Interest Groups, to participate in relevant SIGs.
- Access to free LGA events (subject to availability) and to commercial LGA events at discounted membership rates (typically 30% discount)
- Access to discounted rate meeting space at 18 Smith Square, Westminster (subject to availability).
- Free subscription to the LGA newsletter and First magazine

Additional services subject to a minimum of 5 PCCs joining the scheme and a minimum of 10 PCCs to form a Special Interest Group.

- Two PCC-specific written briefings per year.
- One non-voting PCC place on the LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Board
- Opportunity, subject to numbers, to form a Special Interest Group (SIG)

Additional membership services available at cost

- Access to LG Inform Plus
- National Graduate Development Programme placements (subject to meeting scheme criteria)
- Designated LGA leadership programmes
- ¹One Peer Challenge every four years (subject to availability)

¹ Local Authority corporate peer challenges are funded by DCLG. Peer challenges may be made available to PCC's subject to resources, but these will need to be offered on a full cost recovery basis.

Subscriptions and charges

Individual subscriptions for PCCs at **£3500** per PCC

For PCCs with responsibility for fire and rescue, the existing FRA subscription plus an additional **£2000**.