**Minutes of last General Assembly meeting**

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| **Title:** | General Assembly |
| **Date:** | Tuesday 3 July 2018 |
| **Venue:** | Birmingham International Convention Centre (BICC), Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2EA |
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| **Item** | **Decisions and actions** | **Action** |

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|  | **Attendance** |  |
|  | 245 authorities in full membership and 12 authorities in corporate membership were represented at the meeting. |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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|  | **Election of LGA President** |  |
|  | Mark Lloyd invited nominations for the positon 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. |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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|  | **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 positons. 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. |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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|  | **Election of Deputy Chairs** |  |
|  | The Chairman invited nominations for ten Deputy-Charis 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. |  |

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|  | **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 Adebowale (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) |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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|  | **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. |  |

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

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