**Applications to form Special Interest Groups**

## Purpose of Report

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## For decision.

## Summary

The LGA have received two applications to form Special Interest Groups (SIGs) as follows:

1. Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (**Appendix A**); and
2. Climate Emergency Network (**Appendix B**).

For reference, the LGA’s Statement on SIGs is included at **Item 8** **Appendix A**.

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| **Recommendation**  That the LGA Leadership Board approves the applications to form two new SIGs, the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers, and the Climate Emergency Network.  **Action**  Officers to action in accordance with the Board’s decision. |

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**Background**

1. The LGA Constitution provides for 10 or more member authorities with common features, interests or concerns to form a Special Interest Group (SIG). The LGA’s Statement on SIGs is attached at **Appendix C**.
2. Two applications have been received to form new SIGs: the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (**Appendix A**), and the Climate Emergency Network (**Appendix B**).

**Purpose of the SIGs**

Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers

1. The Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers has the following key objectives:
   1. To provide a strong voice for local authority historic environment services and promote these within local government to strengthen and develop their role within local government in delivering local, regional and national government policy;
   2. To ensure that local government historic environment services are included within policy (national, regional and local) for culture and education;
   3. To ensure that policy aims to improve the sustainable management of the historic environment; and
   4. To promote development of high standards in the historic environment profession.

Climate Emergency Network

1. The Climate Emergency Network’s key objective is to support local authorities in declaring a ‘Climate Emergency’ and implementing plans to achieve carbon neutral status as quickly as possible.

**Financial Implications**

1. Should these new SIGs wish to utilise the support offer open to SIGs (as set out in paragraph 2 of the LGA’s Statement on SIGs), there would be minor budgetary and resources implications as a result of meeting room hire and cost of providing secretariat support services.