

Item 7

Membership of Outside Bodies

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report outlines the outside bodies to which Economy and Transport Programme Board Members have appointed for the 2010 / 11 meeting cycle.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the list of outside bodies which the Board is appointing to this year and to note representation from the Board.

Action

Officers to progress any actions arising as appropriate.

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Background

1. The Local Government Group currently benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across a wide range of the LG Group member structures. These appointments are reviewed on an annual basis across the Group to ensure that the aims and activities of those outside bodies remain pertinent to the LG Group.
2. This report is before Members as part of the amended procedure for appointments to outside bodies agreed by the LGA Executive last year. Nominations were sought for seven places on four outside bodies, and the details are shown on the appended table (**Appendix A**).
3. In order to satisfy strict proportionality, Lead Members have agreed that the Labour Group will nominate to the LG Group Rural Commission, and confirmed other Board Members in their positions. Lead Members and political groups are currently filling this position, and the remaining vacancies on the Special Interest Groups, where these are being taken up.

Outside body appointments

4. A new database for centrally recording all the information relating to appointments for all member structures has been created and is held by the LGA Member Services team.
5. Once the Board has finalised their appointments for the 2010 / 11 meeting cycle, officers will correspond with appointed Members to ensure that they are fully informed of the arrangements for those outside bodies, including meeting frequency, meeting location, membership and terms of reference.

Financial Implications

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

LG Group Economy and Transport Programme Board: Outside Bodies

Appendix A

Organisation / contact details	Background	Representatives
Motorists Forum	Set up in 1999 to advise on policy proposals affecting motorists.	<i>1 place</i> Cllr Philip Atkins (Conservative)
Bus Partnership Forum	Brings together senior representatives from the bus industry, central and local government.	<i>4 places</i> Cllr Shona Johnstone (Conservative) Cllr Richard Knowles (Liberal Democrat) Cllr Tony Page (Labour) Mr Malcolm Blanksby (non-Board rep) (Independent)

Appointments to LG Group bodies

LG Group body	Background	Representatives
Rural Commission	Provides the forum within the Association for member authorities with an interest in rural affairs.	<i>1 place</i> Vacancy (Labour)
Urban Commission Steering Committee	The Urban Commission provides a forum LGA for member authorities whose areas are wholly or partly urban.	<i>1 place</i> Cllr Andrew Carter (Conservative)

LG Group body	Background	Representatives
European and International Programme Board (excluded from strict proportionality calculations)	One member from each of the LGA Policy Boards, who will champion the integration of E&I policy issues within their board	<i>1 place</i> Cllr Peter Box (Labour)

Appointments to Special Interest Groups (and therefore excluded from strict proportionality calculations)

Organisation / contact details	Background	Representatives
Transport Futures	<p>The Transport Futures Group focuses on strategic rail issues. It is supported by the Public Transport Consortium (PTC), a Special Interest Group within the Local Government Association. The group promotes public transport issues on behalf of local authorities outside of metropolitan areas, supporting effective local decisions on public transport for the benefit of local citizens.</p> <p>The LGA appoints 4 members of the Board to sit on Transport Futures.</p>	<i>4 places on Transport Futures Group</i> Cllr Kevin Lynes (Conservative) Cllr Heather Kidd (Liberal Democrat) Vacancy (Labour) Vacancy (Independent)