

Appointments to Outside Bodies – 2012/13

Purpose of report

For approval.

Summary

This report details the LGA's appointment process for outside bodies and sets out a refreshed list of bodies and LGA structures to which the Economy and Transport Board is asked to appoint to for the 2012/13 meeting cycle.

Recommendations

1. The Board is asked to agree the list of bodies/LGA structures to which the Board will appoint for the 2012/13 meeting cycle.
2. Members interested in representing the Board on any of the bodies/LGA structures are asked to put their names forward for consideration.

Action

Appointments will be submitted to the September Economy and Transport Board for approval and to the October Executive for endorsement.

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Background

1. The LGA currently benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across a wide range of the LGA member structures. **Appendix A** sets out the agreed procedure for appointments to outside bodies to govern and monitor this network.

Review and Appointment Process

2. All Boards are required to review their appointments on an annual basis to ensure that the aims and activities of those outside bodies remain pertinent to the LGA.
3. The review should consider feedback from members, officers and the outside bodies; reflect the abolition or creation of any bodies; and the LGA's priorities as set out in the 2012/13 Business Plan.
4. For the July meeting cycle, all Boards are required to agree a refreshed list of outside bodies/LGA structures that they will appoint to for the 2012/13 meeting cycle. Appointments will then be formally approved by each Board in September and submitted to the October meeting of Executive for endorsement.

Economy and Transport Board Arrangements

5. The Economy and Transport Board's outside bodies have been reviewed through discussions with the Lead Members and the members appointed to the bodies.
6. Appointment to all existing bodies is **recommended**, with the exception of Transport Futures. On the latter, the Board has already raised concerns about the focus and value of this group. Officers have asked the group for a forward plan of its work. The group originates from the development of the Channel Tunnel and the need to ensure benefits across all of the UK. The other three UK local government associations (COSLA, NILGA and WLGA) also have seats on the group. It is **recommended** that the LGA do not take up membership in 2013-14 and that we inform the other three associations of our intent.
7. The current list of 2011/12 outside bodies is attached at **Appendix B**.
8. Members interested in being the Board's representative on any of the named bodies/LGA structures set out in Appendix B are asked to put their name forward at the meeting or subsequently in writing to the Board's Member Services Officer.

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9. Appointments will be made in line with the LGA Political Conventions which state that:

“Every effort will be made to ensure that all groups recognised by the Association are fairly represented on outside bodies both numerically and in terms of the range/type of appointments made. Each Board or Panel responsible for making appointments should agree the means by which this is achieved ... Appointments to individual outside bodies should reflect political balance where possible, subject to the constraints set by the number of appointments to individual bodies.”

10. Lead Members are asked to agree the nominations for appointment to the outside bodies for 2012/13.

Next Steps

11. Following the receipt of nominations and selection process via the Lead Members, the September Economy and Transport Board will be asked to formally appoint the nominated members to the refreshed list of outside bodies.
12. Once approved by the Board, this list of appointments will be submitted to the October Executive as the body responsible for overseeing all LGA appointments to outside bodies.