

## Representation on Outside Bodies

### Background

1. The LGA currently benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across all Boards. These appointments are reviewed on an annual basis across the Association to ensure that the aims and objectives of the outside bodies remain pertinent to the LGA.
2. Members are requested to consider and agree which members of their political group they wish to appoint to outside bodies, ensuring that the bodies to which they wish to appoint accurately reflect LGA priorities.
3. Members are also asked to consider and agree the Environment and Housing Board's representatives on the LGA's Urban and Rural Commissions.

### Proportionality Figures 2013 / 2014

4. Members are asked to ensure that appointments for 2013 / 14 are in proportional to the political balance of the 18 Member Environment and Housing Board, with any deviations from political proportionality agreed by all four Lead Members. The current balance is:  
*7 Conservative, 7 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, 2 Independent*
5. It is proposed that LGA representation on the Canal & River Trust Council is provided by the LGA Rural Commission. This leaves with a proportional spread of the allocations for 2013 / 14 as below:

*Conservative (3), Labour (3), Liberal Democrat (1), Independent (1)*

### Current representation

6. The current allocation of seats on outside bodies is outlined below:

Conservative:	3
Labour:	3
Lib Dem:	0
Independent Group	1
<b><u>Vacancy</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>

### List of Outside Bodies

Organisation	Background	Current representation
<b>Planning Advisory Service Board</b>	The PAS Governance Board has been set up to provide sector leadership to ensure the support offered by PAS is responsive to councils' needs and supports exchange of good practice. The aim is to support on-going improvement in plan making and decision taking including helping councils to avoid designation on performance on major applications. The Board consists of the LGA, DCLG Directors and representatives of	<b>(Two representatives)</b>  Mike Jones (Conservative)  Clyde Loakes (Labour)

	SOLACE, ADEPT and the Planning Officers Society.	
<b>National Fly-tipping prevention group</b>	The National Fly-tipping Prevention Group (NFTPG) is a group of organisations working with a common aim: coming up with solutions to the problem of fly-tipping. Chaired by the Environment Agency, membership includes regulatory bodies, Government departments and organisations with a wide membership of landowners and land managers.	<b>(One representative)</b> Clyde Loakes (Labour)
<b>HCA Rural Housing Advisory Board</b>	The Rural Housing Advisory Board's aim is to advise Government on and seek ways to improve delivery of affordable rural housing, promoting joint working between key stakeholders through the provision of a forum for sharing good practice and encouraging innovation. Three meetings are held in London each year for 2-3 hours.	<b>(One representative)</b>  <b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Climate Local Steering group</b>	This newly formed steering group will replace the Climate Local / Nottingham Declaration Board and will provide a forum for councils and partners to influence the development of the resource.	<b>(Two representatives)</b> Tim Moore (LAB) / Andrew Cooper (Independent)
<b>Canal &amp; River Trust Council</b>	<i>Canals and rivers managed by British Waterways in England and Wales, transferred to a charitable trust - now named Canal &amp; River Trust - in April 2012.</i>  <i>Within the governance structure of the Trust, a Council has a remit to safeguard the long-term values and purposes of the Trust. The Council will have an important role in helping to shape policy, raising and debating issues, and in providing guidance, perspective and a sounding board for Trustees.</i>  <i>The full Council will meet two times a year.</i>	<i>Cllr Ken Hudson (Rural Commission – Conservative)</i>

### **Appointments to LGA bodies**

<b>LGA body</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Representatives</b>
<b>Urban Commission Steering Committee</b>	The Urban Commission provides a forum LGA for member authorities whose areas are wholly or partly urban. The Urban Commission will act in a way that complements the principals of the LGA as a whole.	<b>(One representative)</b> Rock Feilding-Mellen (Conservative)
<b>Rural Commission Steering Committee</b>	The Rural Commission provides a forum LGA for member authorities whose areas are wholly or partly rural. The Rural Commission will act in a way that complements the principals of the LGA as a whole.	<b>Vacancy</b>