

Election of Vice-Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen

Purpose of the report

Under the LGA Constitution the General Assembly is invited to elect four Vice-Chairmen and seven Deputy Chairmen for 2012/2013.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly elects four Vice-Chairmen of the Association and seven Deputy Chairmen for 2012/2013, on the nomination of the four political groups.

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Background

1. The LGA Constitution (Article 8.4) provides for the General Assembly at its Annual meeting each year to elect Vice-Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen, on the nomination of the relevant political groups.
2. Under Article 8.5 of the LGA Constitution each group whose share of the weighted electorate exceeds 5% of the total is entitled to one Vice-Chairman. The larger groups are also entitled to Deputy Chairmen according to proportionality. Under the 2012/2013 political breakdown, four groups – Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent – meet the criteria and are entitled to:-

	Conservative	Labour	Lib Dem	Independent
Vice-Chair	1	1	1	1
Deputy-Chair	3	3	1	0

3. Under the Constitution (Article 8.6), the Chairman of the Association is nominated by the largest group. The Vice-Chairman nominated by the second largest group shall be the senior Vice-Chairman of the Association (Article 8.8)
4. In the event of any of the above positions being the subject of a vote at the General Assembly, full members may exercise their vote in accordance with Article 7.1 of the Constitution. Authorities in voting associate membership may exercise their right to vote in accordance with Articles 7.2.1 & 7.2.2 of the Constitution.
5. Welsh authorities in corporate membership of the Association may exercise their vote in accordance with Article 7.3.1 & 7.3.2 of the Constitution.