

General Assembly Annual Meeting: Motions

Purpose of report

For decision.

Summary

The LGA's Standing Orders provide for Motions to be moved at any meeting of the General Assembly.

It is in the remit of the LGA Executive to determine whether motions should receive consideration by the General Assembly or be remitted to an LGA Board or Panel.

The deadline for notice of motions was 4 May 2012. Three motions have been received as follows:

Scrap Metal Dealers	- proposer: Central Bedfordshire Council
Local Government funding	- proposer: tbc
Adult Social Care	- proposer: tbc

Recommendation

The LGA Executive is asked to consider the handling of motions to the 2012 Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.

Action

Officers to submit the necessary report to the General Assembly, in accordance with the LGA Executive's decision/s.

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1. Motion: Central Bedfordshire Council: Scrap Metal Dealers

Central Bedfordshire Council proposes that:

The issue of metal theft is a national problem which affects every part of our society, from stolen remembrance plaques to copper wiring from our infrastructure. This insidious practice requires urgent action to regulate and control the disposal of stolen metals.

Central Bedfordshire has broad, cross-party support for a local licensing regime which will be effective and simple to implement.

Central Bedfordshire seeks the support of conference for a local solution in line with Government's stated ambition to allow local authorities to do what is in the best interests of their residents.

Supporting information is provided by Central Bedfordshire Council in the **Appendix** to this report.

Proposer: Councillor Richard Stay (Executive Member for External Affairs, Central Bedfordshire Council).

2. Motion: Local Government Funding

Authority tbc proposes that:

The LGA:

1. acknowledges that councils throughout the country have taken very difficult decisions to cut spending and are delivering substantial efficiency savings;
2. acknowledges too that – as the Prime Minister has said – local government is the most efficient part of the public sector;
3. recognises that councils have been the hardest hit part of the public sector taking 28 per cent cut over four years compared to only 8 per cent across all Government departments;
4. congratulates councils for working hard to protect the most vulnerable parts of the community from the full force of the cuts forced upon them;

5. calls upon the Government to ensure that in the next Spending Review, any spending reductions are focused on areas – other than local government – that will have the least impact on local communities.

Proposer: to be confirmed.

3. Motion: Social Care

Authority tbc proposes that:

The LGA

1. notes that the Prime Minister has acknowledged that social care is “one of the biggest things we’ve got to get right in our public services”.
2. recognises that doing nothing is not an option and resolves to work with both Government and opposition in ensuring there is cross-party support to carry reform through.
3. recognises the announcement of a draft bill in the Queen’s Speech is a move towards addressing the very real crisis we are facing in providing care to our rapidly aging population.
4. believes that it is now time for all parts of Government to come together to ensure reform, with appropriate funding, is carried out as soon as possible.
5. notes that councils across the political spectrum are united in calling on Government to:
 - 5.1. undertake radical reform by adopting a cap on the amount of risk individuals will be exposed to when planning for their care costs;
 - 5.2. introducing integrated health and social care commissioning to ensure a better quality of care;
 - 5.3. address the shortfall in funding.
6. resolves for this issue to be the top priority for the LGA in its lobbying work and for regular reporting back to member authorities on progress.

Proposer: to be confirmed.