

## **General Assembly – 28 June 2011 - Outline**

### **Purpose of report**

For endorsement

### **Summary**

This year's General Assembly will take place on Tuesday, 28 June in Birmingham (BICC). This report sets out for the LGA Leadership Board's endorsement the proposed format and a draft agenda for the meeting.

### **Recommendations**

LGA Leadership Board are asked to endorse the proposed format and agenda.

### **Action**

Offices to take forward as set out in the report.

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### **Background**

1. The General Assembly 2011 will be held on 28 June in Birmingham (BICC) immediately prior to the official opening of the LG Group Annual Conference.
2. It is proposed for 2011 that we follow a similar format to 2010. The meeting will commence with the formal business of the General Assembly, required by the LGA Constitution, including elections to the formal positions of office. In order to encourage discussion with, and the involvement of our membership, it is proposed that a small number of motions be chosen by the LG Group Executive, to debate at this year's General Assembly.

### **Proposed format**

3. The proposed order of play is as follows:
  - 3.1 Election of President and Vice-Presidents
  - 3.2 Election of Chairman
  - 3.3 Election of Vice-Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen
  - 3.4 Retiring address by Baroness Eaton
  - 3.5 Audited Accounts for year end 31 March 2011
  - 3.6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2010
  - 3.7 The new Chairman's Address
  - 3.8 Debates on Motions, chaired by the Chairman and Group Leaders.

A draft agenda is **attached**.

**Item 6**

**Retiring address**

4. Baroness Eaton will stand down as Chairman of the LGA on 28 June and will make a retiring address to the General Assembly
5. It is proposed that Councillors David Shakespeare OBE, Vice-Chairman and Conservative Group Leader, Richard Kemp, Vice-Chairman and Liberal Democrat Group Leader and Keith Ross OBE Vice-Chairman and Independent Group Leader, are afforded opportunities to make farewell addresses at a VIP Reception (which will include the Local Government Challenge winner and finalists) on Thursday, 30 June, at the end of the Annual Conference.

**Debates on Motions submitted by member authorities**

6. In 2010, three motions on issues of national importance to local government were submitted to the Chief Executive in line with LGA Standing Orders. Of these, the LGA Executive agreed to debate one motion (Radical Reform of Public Services) at the General Assembly. The Assembly heard two further motions (Investment in UK Roads and Collaborative Working) which were then remitted to the appropriate Boards for detailed discussion.
7. All member authorities have been invited to submit motions to this year's General Assembly to the Chief Executive by Friday 6 May. A list of motions received will be presented to the LG Group Executive on Thursday, 19 May to decide which will be debated in full at the General Assembly.

**Voting at General Assembly**

8. This year, voting slips will be included on the back of the agenda for the General Assembly meeting. In accordance with the LGA Constitution, in the event of a vote, the Chairman will call for a show of hands. Should not less than one third of local authorities present at the meeting demand a ballot, voting members will detach their voting card and hand to the Hall Staff. The actual votes cast will be determined retrospectively and all member authorities will be notified of the result of the ballot as soon as possible.

**.Financial Implications**

9. There are no unbudgeted financial implications for the LGA in this report.