

Local Elections & LGA Political Balance 2011/12 - supplementary

Purpose of report

For decision.

Summary

1. At their meeting on 18 May, the LGA Leadership Board agreed that in view of changes to the governance arrangements of Local Partnerships, the chair of the Board of 4Ps should be excluded from the allocation of chairs. This will mean one less chair to be allocated and one less voting place on the LG Group Executive. This report sets out the revised figures as a result of that change.
2. To maintain consistency, it is recommended that the Chair of Local Partnerships, who is elected by the Board, is invited to sit on the LG Group Executive in a non-voting capacity. This follows the same model as the chair of the Leadership centre, who is elected by the Board of Trustees and who has a non voting place on the LG Group Executive.
3. The final figures for 2011/12, based on data provided by the University of Plymouth are set out in **table 1** along with the 2010/11 figures. The figures include the effect of the 50% weighting for Welsh authorities, and the respective weightings for two tier areas. They exclude the seven councils now out of membership of the LGA. All figures are rounded to one decimal point.
4. Subject to the Leadership Board's endorsement, the political groups will need to begin negotiations to agree the allocation of chairs and vice chairs across the LG Group structures in **table 2**, and to populate all places.

Recommendations

That LGA Leadership Board endorses the proportionality figures for 2011/2012, as the basis for negotiating the allocation of chairs and vice chairs and populating all member structures.

Action

Political Groups to agree the allocation of places across all LG Group structures, including the remaining unallocated place on each of the 9 programme boards.

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Table 1 – Proportionality 2011/12

Year	Conservative	Labour	Lib Dem	Ind / other
2011/12	45.4	31.6	16	7
2010/11	45.7	27.2	19.8	7.2

Table 2 – 2011/12 allocation for each structure

Structure/Year		Cons	Lab	Lib Dem	Ind	Total
Balance 2011/12 %		45.4	31.6	16	7	100%
LGA Leadership Board	2011/12	4.99	3.48	1.76	0.77	11
	Rounded	5	3	2	1	11
	2010/11	5	3	2	1	11
Chairs of boards/panels/ commissions	2011/12	6.81	4.74	2.4	1.05	15
	Rounded	7	5	2	1	15
	2010/11	8	4	3	1	16
LG Group Executive ¹(voting)	2011/12	14.07	9.8	4.96	2.17	31
	Rounded	14	10	5	2	31
	² 2010/11	14	11	5	2	32
³Programme board members	2011/12	6.36	4.42	2.24	0.98	14
	Rounded	6	4	2	1	13
	2010/11	6	4	3	1	14
Panel members	2011/12	4.09	2.84	1.44	0.63	9
	Rounded	4	3	1	1	9
	2010/11	4	2	2	1	9
Fire Services Mgt Committee	2011/12	6.81	4.74	2.4	1.05	15
	Rounded	7	5	2	1	15
	2010/11	7	4	3	1	15

Notes to table 2

Table 3 - Current allocation of chairs and vice chairs (2010/2011)

¹ Excludes chair of Local Partnerships for 2011/12

² Balancing members were not included in the 2010/11 LG Group Executive allocations

³ Normal rounding based on proportionality gives only 13 Programme Board members. The remaining place on each of the 9 Programme Boards is for negotiation by the political groups

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Structure	Chairs	Vice Chairs
Programme boards		
Children & Young People	Conservative	Labour
Community Well-being	Liberal Democrat	Conservative
Culture Tourism and Sport	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Environment & Housing	Conservative	Labour
Economy & Transport	Labour	Conservative
European & International	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Improvement	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Safer & Stronger Communities	Labour	Conservative
Workforce	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Panels		
Resources Panel	Conservative	Labour
Audit & Scrutiny Panel	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Company Boards		
LGID (as Improvement PB)	Conservative	Liberal Democrat
LGR	Conservative	Labour
LGE (as Workforce PB)	Labour	Liberal Democrat
⁴ Local Partnerships	Liberal Democrat	Independent
Commissions		
Rural Commission	Conservative	N/A
Urban Commission	Independent	N/A
Fire Commission	Conservative	Labour

⁴ To be excluded from 2011/12