

LGA Vice-Presidents 2012-2013

Purpose of report

For discussion and endorsement.

Summary

This paper details those Members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords that the Political Groups, in discussion and agreement with the Public Affairs and Campaigns team, have invited to be Vice-Presidents for 2012-13, and who they would like to be formally appointed at the annual General Assembly on 26 June.

Recommendation

That Leadership Board approve the nominations made by the Political Groups.

Action

Agree nominations to be formally appointed at the LGA General Assembly.

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Background

1. Each year the LGA formally appoints a number of MPs and Peers as Vice-Presidents at the General Assembly, held during the LGA annual conference.
2. These individuals are nominated and invited to take up the role of Vice-President by the Leader of each Political Group.
3. The role of an LGA Vice-President involves acting as a champion of local government within Parliament. To this end, the Public Affairs and Campaigns team, in coordination with colleagues across the programme teams, works with Vice-Presidents in various ways, such as offering them bespoke briefing support ahead of parliamentary debates, asking them to host LGA briefing sessions for MPs and Peers within the parliamentary estate, or approaching them to table amendments on legislation as it passes through Parliament.
4. Similarly, the LGA Political Groups work closely with their Vice-Presidents on party political activity.

The nominations for the 2012-13 Vice-Presidents

5. The nominated Conservative Vice-Presidents, agreed with and approached by LGA Conservative Group Office, are:
 - 5.1 Gavin Barwell MP (Croydon Central)
 - 5.2 Mike Freer MP (Finchley and Golders Green)
 - 5.3 Stewart Jackson MP (Peterborough)
 - 5.4 Henry Smith MP (Crawley)
 - 5.5 Charles Walker MP (Broxbourne)
 - 5.6 Heather Wheeler MP (South Derbyshire)
 - 5.7 Baroness Eaton
 - 5.8 Lord Jenkin Of Roding
 - 5.9 Earth Cathcart (new nomination for 2012/13)
 - 5.10 Philip Bradbourn MEP
 - 5.11 Julie Girling MEP
6. The nominated Labour Vice-Presidents, agreed with and approached by the LGA Labour Group Office, are:
 - 6.1 Heidi Alexander MP (Lewisham East)
 - 6.2 Clive Betts MP (Sheffield South East)
 - 6.3 Louise Ellman MP (Liverpool Riverside)

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- 6.4
- 6.5 Ian Mearns MP (Gateshead)
- 6.6 David Miliband MP (South Shields) (new nomination for 2012/13)
- 6.7 Lord Beecham
- 6.8 Baroness Smith of Basildon
- 6.9 Lord Smith of Leigh
- 6.10 Richard Howitt MEP
- 6.11 Derek Vaughan MEP

7. The nominated Liberal Democrat Vice-Presidents agreed with and approached by the LGA Liberal Democrat Office are:

- 7.1 Gordon Birtwistle MP (Burnley)
- 7.2 Annette Brooke MP (Mid Dorset and Poole North)
- 7.3 Mike Hancock MP (Portsmouth South)
- 7.4 Julian Huppert MP (Cambridge)
- 7.5 David Ward MP (Bradford North)
- 7.6 Baroness Barker
- 7.7 Lord Greaves
- 7.8 Baroness Maddock
- 7.9 Lord Rennard
- 7.10 Lord Shipley
- 7.11 Edward McMillan Scott MEP
- 7.12 Catherine Bearder MEP
- 7.13 Fiona Hall MEP
- 7.14 Peter Black AM

8. The nominated Independent Vice-Presidents agreed with and approached by the LGA Independent Group Office are:

- 8.1 Caroline Lucas MP (Green, Brighton Pavilion) (new nomination for 2012/13)
- 8.2 Lord Alton
- 8.3 Lord Bichard
- 8.4 Baroness Greengross
- 8.5 Baroness Howarth
- 8.6 Lord Ouseley
- 8.7 Lord Walpole
- 8.8 Lord Adebawale CBE
- 8.9 Lord Laming (new nomination for 2012/13)
- 8.10 Keith Taylor MEP

Conclusion and next steps

9. A number of the invitations to take up/continue the role of Vice-President for the 2012/13 year are pending.

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10. Once these are received, and if approved by LGA Leadership Board, these individuals will then be formally appointed at the General Assembly next month.

Financial Implications

11. There are no financial implications to this paper.