

Election of Vice-Chairs and Deputy Chairs

Purpose of the report

To invite the General Assembly to elect four Vice-Chairs and eleven Deputy-Chairs for 2016/2017 under article 7.5 of the Constitution.

Recommendation

That the General Assembly elects four Vice-Chairs of the Association and eleven Deputy Chairs for 2016/2017, on the nomination of the four political groups.

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Background

1. The LGA Constitution (Article 7.5) provides for the General Assembly at its Annual meeting each year to elect Vice-Chairs and Deputy Chairs, on the nomination of the relevant political groups.
2. Under Article 7.6 of the LGA Constitution each group whose share of the weighted electorate exceeds 5% of the total is entitled to one Vice-Chair. The larger groups are also entitled to Deputy Chairs according to proportionality. Under the 2016/2017 political breakdown, four groups - Conservative, Labour, Independent and Liberal Democrat - meet the criteria and are entitled to:-

	Conservative	Labour	Independent	Lib Dem
Vice-Chair	1	1	1	1
Deputy-Chair	4	5	1	1

3. Under the Constitution (Article 7.7), the Chair of the Association at the point of calculating the LGA political balance is nominated by the largest group. The Vice-Chair nominated by the second largest group shall be the senior Vice-Chair of the Association (Article 7.9).
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 Articles 6.1.1 & 6.1.2 of the Constitution. Authorities in voting associate membership may exercise their right to vote in accordance with Articles 6.2.1 & 6.2.2 of the Constitution.
5. Welsh authorities in corporate membership of the Association may exercise their vote in accordance with Articles 6.3.1 & 6.3.2 of the Constitution.