

General Assembly 8 July 2014 – Outline Programme

Purpose of report

For endorsement.

Summary

This year's General Assembly will take place on Tuesday, 8 July 2014 in Bournemouth. This report sets out for the LGA Leadership Board's endorsement the proposed format and a draft agenda for the meeting.

Recommendation

That the LGA Leadership Board consider and endorse the proposed format and agenda for this year's General Assembly.

Action

Offices to take forward as set out in the report.

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Background

1. The Annual Meeting of General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 8 July 2014 in Bournemouth International Centre, immediately prior to the official opening of the LGA Annual Conference & Exhibition.
2. It is proposed for 2014 that we follow a similar format to 2013. 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 LGA Executive to debate at this year's General Assembly.
3. The proposed agenda is attached at **Appendix A**.

Debates on Motions submitted by member authorities

4. In 2013, two motions were submitted to the Chief Executive in line with LGA Standing Orders. The LGA Executive agreed to hear and debate both motions (on Welfare Reform and Independent Local Government).
5. All member authorities have been invited to submit motions to this year's General Assembly to the Chief Executive by Friday 25 April 2014. A list of motions received will be presented to the LGA Executive on Thursday, 12 June to decide which will be debated in full at the General Assembly.

Voting at General Assembly

6. 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 and complete 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

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