**LGA President and Vice-Presidents 2019-20**

**Purpose of report**

For discussion and endorsement.

**Summary**

This paper sets out those Members of the House of Commons and House of Lords the LGA political groups, working with the Public Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement team, will be inviting to be our honorary Vice-Presidents for the 2019-20 parliamentary session. The paper also recommends a nomination for the position of President. As per our Constitution, each Political Group Office has the flexibility to update their appointments during the year as required. Each Political Group Office will also decide on their nominations for Members of the European Parliament in due course if needed.

**Recommendation**

LGA Leadership Board is invited to:

1. Endorse the nomination of Lord Kerslake as President of the LGA for a further year; and
2. Note the appointments of Vice-Presidents by the four Political Groups.

**Action**

General Assembly will be invited to elect the President for a further year and to note the appointments of the Vice Presidents by the Political Groups.

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**LGA President and Vice-Presidents 2019-20**

1. Every year the LGA elects a President and appoints Vice-Presidents to act as our advocates. Under the Constitution, the President is elected annually by General Assembly for a maximum of eight years in post. The President’s role includes presiding over the election of the Chairman, Vice and Deputy Chairs of the Association at General Assembly.
2. Vice-Presidents are appointed throughout the year by the four LGA political groups and those appointments are reported annually to the LGA General Assembly.
3. This paper proposes the nomination of Lord Kerslake for a further year as LGA President and summarises the list of Vice-President appointments from each Political Group Office who have the flexibility to update their appointments during the year as required.

**Support to the President and Vice-Presidents**

1. We work closely with our President and Vice-Presidents who promote the LGA by highlighting local government priorities in debates, working to secure amendments to legislation, tabling parliamentary questions and motions and by hosting events in Parliament. Their support is vital for protecting and enhancing the reputation of councils and for allowing us to pursue and achieve our objectives. The President and Vice-Presidents are selected because of their background in local government and their commitment to supporting LGA priorities.
2. In order to assist our President and Vice-Presidents, we offer briefing papers and verbal briefings, use of LGA facilities, subscription to LGA bulletins and publications, free attendance to our conferences, and speaking opportunities at LGA events.
3. Engagement with the President and Vice-Presidents focuses around our campaigns (actively seeking their support and involvement) and the legislation agreed to be a priority for LGA members by the Leadership Board at the start of each parliamentary session.
4. The LGA President and Vice-Presidents receive the following benefits from the LGA:
	1. Tailored briefings to support LGA policy positions and corporate campaigns;
	2. Support in drafting questions, amendments to legislation and parliamentary motions;
	3. Complimentary use of LGA facilities including meeting rooms;
	4. Free attendance for Vice-Presidents and their staff at LGA conferences and events;
	5. Opportunities to speak at LGA conferences and events;
	6. Opportunities to write for LGA publications;
	7. Complimentary subscription to *First* magazine;
	8. A weekly LGA Parliamentary e-bulletin (when Parliament is sitting);
	9. Opportunity to subscribe to the daily LGA news headlines e-bulletin;
	10. Invitations to LGA events in Parliament, including our annual reception, and regular bespoke Vice-Presidents’ events; and
	11. Access to LG Inform.

**Conservative**

* 1. Charles Walker MP (Broxbourne)
	2. Bob Blackman MP (Harrow East)
	3. Andrew Lewer MP (Northampton South)
	4. Simon Hoare MP (North Dorset)
	5. Marcus Jones MP (Nuneaton)
	6. Julia Lopez MP (Hornchurch and Upminster)
	7. Maria Caulfield MP (Lewes)
	8. Tim Loughton MP (East Worthing and Shoreham)
	9. Jeremy LeFroy MP (Stafford)
	10. Mark Pawsey MP (Rugby)
	11. Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire)
	12. Gillian Keegan MP (Chichester)
	13. Neil O’Brien MP (Harborough)
	14. Baroness Couttie
	15. Lord Whitby
	16. Lord True
	17. Baroness Eaton
	18. Baroness Scott of Bybrook

**Labour**

* 1. Clive Betts MP (Sheffield South East)
	2. Catherine McKinnell MP (Newcastle upon Tyne North)
	3. Steve Reed MP (Croydon North)
	4. Wes Streeting MP (Ilford North)
	5. Catherine West MP (Hornsey and Wood Green)
	6. Jim McMahon MP (Oldham West and Royton)
	7. Jo Platt MP (Leigh)
	8. Preet Kaur Gill MP (Edgbaston, Birmingham)
	9. Helen Hayes MP (Dulwich and West Norwood)
	10. Diana Johnson MP (Kingston upon Hull North)
	11. Anna Turley MP (Redcar)
	12. Mike Amesbury MP (Weaver Vale)
	13. Lord Beecham
	14. Lord Kennedy of Southwark
	15. Baroness Smith of Basildon
	16. Lord Smith of Leigh
	17. Lord Whitty
	18. Lord Bassam of Brighton

**Liberal Democrats**

* 1. Tim Farron MP (Westmorland and Lonsdale)
	2. Norman Lamb MP (North Norfolk)
	3. Layla Moran MP (Oxford West and Abingdon)
	4. Wera Hobhouse MP (Bath)
	5. Lord Tope
	6. Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville
	7. Baroness Janke
	8. Baroness Maddock
	9. Baroness Scott of Needham Market
	10. Lord Shipley
	11. Baroness Pinnock
	12. Baroness Thornhill
	13. Lord Storey
	14. Lord Scriven.

**Independents**

* 1. Lord Best (crossbench)
	2. Lord Adebowale (crossbench)
	3. Earl of Lytton (crossbench)
	4. Baroness Howarth of Breckland (crossbench)
	5. Baroness Greengross (crossbench)
	6. Baroness Grey-Thompson (crossbench)
	7. Lord Bichard (crossbench)
	8. Baroness Greenfield (crossbench)
	9. Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb (Green)
	10. Bishop of St Albans (crossbench)
	11. Lord Wigley (Plaid Cymru)
	12. Earl of Listowel (crossbench)
	13. Baroness Young of Hornsey (crossbench)
	14. Liz Saville-Roberts MP (Plaid Cymru, Dwyfor Meirionnydd)
	15. Ben Lake MP (Plaid Cymru, Ceredigion)
	16. Caroline Lucas MP (Green, Brighton Pavilion)

**Code of Conduct**

1. The LGA President and Vice-Presidents are required to operate in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Members of the House of Commons, House of Lords and the European Parliament. This is made clear in the invitations to new Vice-Presidents and will be referenced in letters to those Vice-Presidents whose role is being renewed for a further year.

**Financial Implications**

1. There are no financial implications to this paper.