

## Note of last General Assembly meeting

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**Title:** General Assembly  
**Date:** Tuesday 28 June 2022  
**Venue:** Harrogate Conference Centre, Harrogate

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### Item Decisions and actions

#### 1 Welcome

Mark Lloyd, LGA Chief Executive, welcomed representatives to the first in-person General Assembly in three years. He highlighted the role of the General Assembly in electing the political leadership team that would drive the LGA agenda on behalf of all local government over the next 12 months. He also thanked all those members and officers that had played a part in the LGA to help all member councils and the communities they represented.

Mark thanked to Nick Forbes, outgoing Leader of the LGA Labour Group and LGA Senior Vice-Chair who stepped down from his roles in local government in May. Mark applauded Nick's outstanding contribution to local government and wished him every success in future endeavours.

#### 2 Election of LGA President

The Chief Executive invited the General Assembly to elect a President for 2022/23, under Part 3 - Paragraph 9 of the LGA Articles of Association. There was one nomination for LGA President, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson.

Baroness Grey-Thompson was proposed by Cllr James Jamieson (Central Bedfordshire Council) and seconded by Cllr Shaun Davies (Telford and Wrekin Council).

##### **Decision**

It was moved, seconded and **agreed** by the General Assembly that Baroness Grey-Thompson be elected President of the Association for 2022/23.

Baroness Grey-Thompson took the Chair and delivered an address to thank the General Assembly.

#### 3 Election of LGA Chairman

Baroness Grey-Thompson invited nominations from the General Assembly for Chairman of the LGA for 2022/23.

The LGA's Articles of Association (Article 21.1) provided for the General Assembly, at its Annual Meeting, to elect a Chairman from amongst the members representing full member authorities. Under Article 21.2, the largest political group at the point of calculating the political balance would nominate the Chairman of the Association, who under the LGA's Governance Framework also holds the equivalent office on the LGA Board and the Executive Advisory Board. The Conservative Group, which was the largest political group at the point of calculating the LGA's political balance for 2022/23, nominated Cllr James Jamieson (Central Bedfordshire Council) to be the Chairman for 2022/23.

Cllr Jamieson was proposed by Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Warwickshire County Council) and seconded by Cllr Shaun Davies (Telford and Wrekin Council).

#### **Decision**

It was moved, seconded and **agreed** by the General Assembly that Cllr James Jamieson (Central Bedfordshire Council) be elected Chairman of the Association for 2022/23.

The Chairman thanked Baroness Grey-Thompson and took the Chair.

#### **4 Address by the Chairman of the LGA**

Cllr Jamieson thanked the General Assembly, and all Members who served on LGA governance structures. He highlighted the LGA's cross-party work which made a great difference to communities across the country. He highlighted the changes that had taken place since the last in-person Conference in 2019, in particular that James Brokenshire MP and Baroness Greengross had been in attendance then, and the Chairman asked for a moment of silence to remember James, Baroness Greengross and all those that served their local communities that were no longer with us.

The Chairman also thanked Nick Forbes for his leadership at the LGA, highlighting his role in raising the profile of local government, and wished him well in the future.

#### **5 Election of LGA Vice-Chairs**

The Chairman invited the General Assembly to elect four Vice-Chairs for 2022/23 under Article 21.1 of the Articles of Association.

Under Article 21.2 of the LGA Articles of Association, each group whose share of the weighted electorate exceeds 5 per cent of the total was entitled to one Vice-Chair. Under the 2022/23 political breakdown four groups – Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent – met the criteria and were entitled to one Vice Chair each.

#### **Decision**

It was moved, seconded and **agreed** by the General Assembly that the following four Vice-Chairs of the Association were elected for 2022/23:

**Conservative:** Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Warwickshire County Council)

**Labour:** Cllr Shaun Davies (Telford and Wrekin Council)

**Liberal Democrat:** Cllr Joe Harris (Cotswold District Council)

**Independent:** Cllr Marianne Overton OBE (Lincolnshire County Council and North Kesteven District Council)

## **6 Election of LGA Deputy Chairs**

The Chairman invited the General Assembly to elect nine Deputy Chairs for 2022/23 under Article 21.1 of the Articles of Association.

Under Article 21.2 of the LGA Articles of Association, the larger political groups were entitled to Deputy Chairs according to proportionality. Under the 2022/23 political breakdown four groups – Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Independent – met the criteria and were entitled to Deputy Chairs as set out below:

Conservative: 3

Labour: 4

Liberal Democrat: 1

Independent: 1

### **Decision**

It was moved, seconded and **agreed** by the General Assembly that the following nine Deputy Chairs of the Association were elected for 2022/23:

#### **Conservative:**

Cllr John Fuller OBE (South Norfolk District Council)

Cllr Robert Alden (Birmingham City Council)

Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE (Bexley Council)

#### **Labour:**

Cllr Michael Payne (Gedling Borough Council)

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble (London Borough of Hackney)

Cllr Tudor Evans OBE (Plymouth City Council)

Cllr Georgia Gould (London Borough of Camden)

#### **Liberal Democrat:**

Cllr Bridget Smith (South Cambridgeshire District Council)

#### **Independent:**

Cllr Hannah Dalton (Epsom and Ewell Borough Council)

## **7 LGA Vice-Presidents 2022/23**

The General Assembly were invited to note the appointments of Vice-Presidents for 2022/23, under Article 9.2 of the LGA Articles of Association.

The Chairman highlighted that following dispatch of the agenda the LGA had received notification that Baroness Greengross had sadly passed away.

### **Decision**

The General Assembly **noted** the appointment of the following Members of Parliament and Peers as Vice-Presidents for 2022/23:

#### **Conservative**

Natalie Elphicke MP (Dover)  
David Simmonds MP (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner)  
Tim Loughton MP (East Worthing and Shoreham)  
Bob Blackman MP (Harrow East)  
Sir Charles Walker MP (Broxbourne)  
Robert Jenrick MP (Newark)  
Kelly Tolhurst MP (Rochester and Strood)  
Sir Bob Neill MP (Bromley and Chislehurst)  
Ben Everitt MP (Milton Keynes North)  
Anna Firth MP (Southend West)  
Jill Mortimer MP (Hartlepool)  
Siobhan Baillie MP (Stroud)  
Lord Farmer  
Lord Whitby  
Lord True  
Baroness Eaton  
Baroness Coultie

#### **Labour**

Paulette Hamilton MP (Birmingham Erdington)  
Preet Kaur Gill MP (Birmingham Edgbaston)  
Helen Hayes MP (Dulwich and West Norwood)  
Clive Betts MP (Sheffield South East)  
Catherine West MP (Hornsey and Wood Green)  
Catherine McKinnell MP (Newcastle upon Tyne North)  
Wes Streeting MP (Ilford North)  
Steve Reed MP (Croydon North)  
Mike Amesbury MP (Weaver Vale)  
Jim McMahon MP (Oldham West and Royton)  
Dame Diana Johnson MP (Kingston upon Hull North)  
Abena Opong-Asare MP (Erith and Thamesmead)  
Florence Eshalomi MP (Vauxhall)  
Dan Jarvis MP (Barnsley Central)  
Feryal Clark MP (Enfield North)  
Rachel Hopkins MP (Luton South)  
Lord Kennedy of Southwark  
Baroness Blake of Leeds  
Baroness Smith of Basildon  
Lord Filkin  
Baroness Wilcox of Newport

#### **Liberal Democrats**

Sir Ed Davey MP (Kingston and Surbiton)  
Daisy Cooper MP (St Albans)  
Tim Farron MP (Westmorland and Lonsdale)  
Wera Hobhouse MP (Bath)  
Layla Moran MP (Oxford West and Abingdon)  
Baroness Brinton  
Lord Shipley  
Lord Scriven

Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville  
Baroness Janke  
Baroness Scott of Needham Market  
Baroness Pinnock  
Baroness Thornhill  
Lord Storey  
Lord Tope

**Independents**

Liz Saville Roberts MP (Plaid Cymru, Dwyfor Meirionnydd)  
Ben Lake MP (Plaid Cymru, Ceredigion)  
Lord Kerslake (Crossbench)  
Baroness Casey of Blackstock (Crossbench)  
Lord Bird (Crossbench)  
Lord Wigley (Plaid Cymru)  
Lord Bichard (Crossbench)  
Lord Best (Crossbench)  
Lord Adebawale (Crossbench)  
Bishop of St Albans (Lords Spiritual)  
Baroness Jones of Mouslecoomb (Green Party)  
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green Party)  
Baroness Young of Hornsey (Crossbench)  
Baroness Brown of Cambridge (Crossbench)

**8 A Year in the LGA: LGA Group Financial Statements for the Year to 31 March 2022**

The General Assembly were invited to receive the LGA Group financial statements for the year to 31 March 2022.

Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive, presented the report which set out the LGA's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. They had been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the LGA Board. They have received an unqualified (clean) audit opinion from the external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP.

**Decision**

The General Assembly **received** the LGA Group financial statements for the year to 31 March 2022

**9 2022 Annual Report of the Audit Committee**

The General Assembly received an overview of areas reviewed and work undertaken by the Audit Committee in 2021/22.

**Decision**

The General Assembly **noted** the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2021/22.

**10 Minutes of the General Assembly held on 6 July 2021**

The Chairman closed the meeting and noted that the next meeting of the General Assembly would be held on Tuesday 4 July 2023.