LGA Constitution

**Purpose**

For decision.

**Summary**

The LGA Leadership Board commends to the General Assembly an amendment to the LGA Constitution. The proposed amendment, in the form of an additional clause, is intended to provide greater flexibility in the Association’s governance arrangements.

Clauses 10 to 12 of the Constitution allow for an Executive, Leadership Board, Boards and Fire Services Commission and Management Committee. An additional clause 12 (below) would allow for portfolios/forums in addition to the existing structures. The wording of the amendment delegates responsibility to the LGA Executive to decide the appropriate mechanism for each policy area.

***12.0 Portfolios and forums***

*12.1 In agreed policy areas to be determined by the Executive, there shall be portfolio holders, supported by lead members with designated responsibilities, whose role will be to lead and oversee all policy development and activity.*

*12.2 The appointment of portfolio holders and lead members will be done in accordance with the LGA’s political proportionality.*

*12.3 Twice yearly, each portfolio holder will invite councils in LGA membership to send member representative(s) with a relevant policy brief to attend a forum to contribute*

*to the LGA’s priorities and policy development in that policy area. Forums will not be decision-making and therefore political proportionality will not apply.*

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| **Recommendation**  That the General Assembly **agrees** the additional clause to the LGA Constitution.  **Action**  Subject to the decision of the General Assembly, the revised Constitution will be published on the LGA website and come into immediate effect |

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