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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ASSOCIATION (LGA) MATTERS 2018/19

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Background Papers None

Implications (tick ✓):

LEGAL		FINANCIAL	
HUMAN RESOURCES		EQUALITY IMPACT	
ENVIRONMENTAL		POLICY	
CORPORATE RISK	Known	OTHER (please specify)	
	New	CORE BRIEF	

Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.

PURPOSE:

To consider:

- the appointment of representatives to serve on the LGA General Assembly;
 Fire Services Forum; Fire Services Commission; and Bedfordshire and Luton Branch of the LGA in 2018/19.
- 2. representation at the LGA Annual Fire Conference in March 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the Fire and Rescue Authority considers the appointment of:
 - a. up to two further representatives to serve with the Chair and Vice Chair on the LGA General Assembly;
 - b. a named substitute to serve on the LGA Fire Services Forum in the absence of the Chair; and
 - c. a representative to the LGA Fire Services Commission.
- 2. That, consideration be given to the Chair, Vice Chair, and the Chief Fire Officer attending the LGA Annual Fire Conference in March 2019.

1. General Assembly

- 1.1 The Fire and Rescue Authority is entitled to appoint up to four representatives to serve on the LGA General Assembly with the representatives entitled to cast up to eleven General Assembly votes and one corporate vote.
- 1.2 The Fire and Rescue Authority has previously agreed to appoint its Chair and Vice Chair to serve on the General Assembly with the Chair holding the eleven General Assembly votes and one corporate vote, with these being vested in the Vice Chair in the Chair's absence.
- 1.3 In 2017/18, no named substitute representative was appointed in addition to the Chair and Vice Chair.

2. Bedfordshire and Luton Branch

- 2.1 In anticipation that a request may be received for the Fire and Rescue Authority to confirm its appointments to the Bedfordshire and Luton Branch of the LGA for 2018/19.
- 2.2 The Fire and Rescue Authority has previously agreed to appoint its Chair and Vice Chair to serve on the Bedfordshire and Luton Branch and, in 2017/18, no named substitute representative was appointed.

3. LGA Fire Services Forum

The Fire and Rescue Authority has previously agreed to appoint its Chair to serve on the LGA Fire Services Forum. In 2017/18 the Vice Chair was appointed as the named substitute to serve on the LGA Fire Services Forum in the absence of the Chair.

4. LGA Fire Services Commission

In the past, the Fire and Rescue Authority has appointed its Chair to serve on the LGA Fire Services Commission.

5. LGA Annual Fire Conference: March 2019

The LGA hosts its Annual Fire Conference in March each year, date yet to be confirmed.

In the past, the Chair, Vice Chair and the Chief Fire Officer have attended the conference on behalf of the Fire and Rescue Authority.

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