

12th July 2024

ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER AND DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICERS 2024-25

Purpose

- 1 To invite the WLGA Council to elect a Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers'¹ for the Council term 2024-25.

Background

- 2 Section 10 of the [WLGA Constitution](#) provides for the appointment of Office Holders:

10.1 The Council shall, at each Annual General Meeting of the Association, appoint from among those have been appointed to the Executive Board a Presiding Officer. Council shall also appoint a number of Deputy Presiding Officers as it considers appropriate from the membership of the Council, in order to reflect the political groupings within the Association.

- 3 The Constitution (section 8) references Political Groupings within the Association and includes:

“8.1 Any group of members of the Council may elect to form themselves into a political group; political groups may combine to form a coalition.

8.2 The Council shall afford accreditation to any political group which comprises two or more members, which must be from two or more Member Councils. Any individual member of the Council may not belong to more than one political group and not more than one group shall be afforded accreditation for any single party.”

- 4 In advance of the AGM, four political groups have been confirmed within the Association: Labour, Independent, Plaid Cymru and Welsh Liberal Democrats.

Recommendations

- 5 The WLGA Council is invited to:

5.1 Elect a Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers (one from each political group) to serve for the WLGA Council term 2024-25.

¹ Item 16 being presented at today's meeting proposes a change to the Constitution to use the title of Presiding Member instead of Presiding Officer in order to recognise that the role is an elected member role and not an officer of the WLGA. If this change is approved the title of the role(s) will be formally amended.

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