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WLGA REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Purpose

1. For members to review and appoint the WLGA's representation on Outside Bodies.

Background

2. The WLGA Leadership and Spokespersons are the Association's primary interface with a range of external bodies, including the Welsh Government, Welsh Government Sponsored Bodies, the Local Government Association, top-sliced bodies and also a range of other public, private and third sector organisations. The members represent the interests of local government as a whole and are supported by the officers of the WLGA. Spokespersons have delegated authority to ratify relevant WLGA consultation responses, policy documents, press releases, and on occasion will undertake media interviews.
3. There are also instances where the WLGA is asked to formally nominate representatives to 'Outside Bodies' and the representation on such bodies is reviewed by the membership on an annual basis. Some of these bodies operate on a task and finish basis, others are continuing or longer term. The role of these representatives is to represent the interests of local government and through sharing members' experience and knowledge to inform and enrich debate and deliberation.
4. The WLGA has previously appointed a range of councillors on these bodies, including Leaders, Spokespersons, WLGA Council members and councillors beyond the WLGA Council membership to increase scope for member involvement in the Association, and this approach is widely supported.
5. The list of the Outside Bodies requiring nominations for WLGA representatives are included in Appendix 1 and include members nominated in 2023-24 for reference.

Recommendations

6. The WLGA Council is invited to:

- 6.1 Review the WLGA's representation on outside bodies and appoint new members for the roles specified.

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WLGA Representation on Outside Bodies

WLGA representatives listed below were for the year 2023-24 and include vacant roles.

Body:	Positions:	WLGA Representative(s):
POLICY AREA: EUROPEAN & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS		
'CLARE' - Congress of Local Authorities and Regions, Congress, Council of Europe	1	Cllr Rob Stewart
	Alt	Cllr Hazel Evans (Carmarthenshire) - PC (sub) ¹
Committee of the Regions (CoR) Contact Group	1	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Lab
	Alt	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab ²
'CEMR' – Council of European Municipalities and Regions	1	Cllr Linda Evans (Carmarthenshire) - PC ³
POLICY AREA: LIFELONG LEARNING, LEISURE & INFORMATION		
Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	1	Cllr Bryan Davies (Ceredigion) - PC
Play Wales Board of Trustees	1	Cllr Huw David (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Officer	Catherine Davies (WLGA)
'WJEC' – Welsh Joint Education Committee	3	Vacant - Lab
		Cllr Edward Thomas (Carmarthenshire) - Ind
		Cllr Martyn Groucutt (Monmouthshire) - Lab
British Board of Film Classification	1	Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) - Lab
Disability Sport Forum	1	Vacant – Lab
National Eisteddfod Court	4	Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) – Lab
		Cllr Bryan Davies (Ceredigion) – PC
		Vacant – Plaid Cymru
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	+ Officer	Dr Chris Llewelyn (WLGA)
National Library of Wales Advisory Board	1	Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) - Lab

	+ Officer	Sharon Davies (WLGA)
Urdd Eisteddfod	Officer	Dr Chris Llewelyn (WLGA)
POLICY AREA: WORKFORCE		
National Joint Committee for Local Government Services (NJC LGS) EMPLOYERS includes:	1	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Craftworkers; - Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Executives; - Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Officers. 	+ Sub	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
National Association of Regional Employers (NARE)	1	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab
(Joint Council for Wales Employers side Chair and Vice-Chair)	+ Sub	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
National Employers Organisation for School Teachers (NEOST)	1	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Robin Williams (Ynys Mon) – PC
Joint National Committee (JNC) for Youth and Community Workers	1	Cllr Robin Williams (Ynys Mon) - PC
	+ Sub	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Lab
Soulbury Committee	1	Cllr Robin Williams (Ynys Mon) - PC
	+ Sub	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Lab
National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services (LAFRS)	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab
Fire Middle Managers Negotiating Body (MMNB)	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab
National Joint Council (NJC) for Brigade Managers of Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab

Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Coroners	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab
Social Partnership Council	1	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab
POLICY AREA: TRANSPORT		
Transport for Wales (TfW) Board	Observer	Cllr Andrew Morgan (RCT) – Lab
POLICY AREA: CORPORATE		
LGA Executive	1	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) – Lab
	+ Sub	TBC
Data Cymru Board	8	<i>See separate report to the WLGA Council Annual General Meeting</i>
Partnership Council for Wales	22	<i>See separate report to the WLGA Council Annual General Meeting</i>
POLICY AREA: FINANCE		
Finance Sub Group	8	<i>See separate report to the WLGA Council Annual General Meeting</i>
Scheme Advisory Board (Local Government Pension Scheme)	1	Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff) - Lab
The Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust (LAMIT) & The Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF)	1	Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff) - Lab
POLICY AREA: COMMUNITY SAFETY		
Safer Communities Board	4	Cllr Bryan Davies (Dyfed Powys) – PC
	(1 per Police Force Region)	Vacant (Gwent representative)
		Cllr Lynda Thorne (South Wales) – Lab
		Cllr Emily Owens (North Wales) - Lab