

Annual Report on Representation on an External Body

Name of External Body:	LGA – Local Government Association
Name of Council Representative/s:	Cllr Neighbour
<p>Please give a brief outline of the role of the organisation on which you are a representative: Forum utilised to encourage joint working and consultation between the local authorities throughout Hampshire.</p> <p>How many times has this organisation met this year? Too many to mention (including the AGM)</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? Many by multiple members and officers</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p>	
<p>What input is asked of you as our representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are you (as a representative of the Council) part of the decision-making process for the organisation (e.g., voting rights)? Yes • are you informed of decisions? Yes • consulted on decisions? Yes 	
<p>Please could you explain the benefit to the Council of providing a representative on this external body e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does representation on this body strengthen the Council's partnerships? • provide positive community leadership? • does the Council gain knowledge and experience from the body? • can you make an input into the organisation's work? <p>Our involvement ensures that our voice is heard. The LGA is an effective lobby group for our interests within central government.</p>	
<p>Any other comments regarding the representation of the Council on this body:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<p>Recommendation whether to continue? The LGA is the most important outside body that we're a member of, it facilitates networking, training and lobbying. We must continue to hold membership.</p>	

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Name of External Body:	SEEC – South East England Councils
Name of Council Representative/s:	Cllr Neighbour
<p>Please give a brief outline of the role of the organisation on which you are a representative: Forum utilised to encourage joint working and consultation between the local authorities throughout the South East.</p> <p>How many times has this organisation met this year? Twice (including the AGM)</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? The AGM at Westminster</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p>	
<p>What input is asked of you as our representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are you (as a representative of the Council) part of the decision-making process for the organisation (e.g., voting rights)? Yes • are you informed of decisions? Yes • consulted on decisions? Yes 	
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<p>Any other comments regarding the representation of the Council on this body:</p>	
<p>Recommendation whether to continue? SEEC is a useful forum for discussing regional issues that effect local government. It provides a large amount of data and has been beneficial with our work with both Afghanistan and Ukraine refugees. It has a small membership fee but could be considered for Tier 3 savings options.</p>	

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Name of External Body:	HIOWLGA
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<p>Please give a brief outline of the role of the organisation on which you are a representative: Forum utilised to encourage joint working and consultation between the local authorities throughout Hampshire.</p> <p>How many times has this organisation met this year? Four (including the AGM)</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? One</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p>	
<p>What input is asked of you as our representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are you (as a representative of the Council) part of the decision-making process for the organisation (e.g., voting rights)? Yes • are you informed of decisions? Yes • consulted on decisions? Yes 	
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<p>Any other comments regarding the representation of the Council on this body:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<p>Recommendation whether to continue? If HIOWLGA didn't exist, then we would end up recreating it. Happy to continue.</p>	

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Name of External Body:	EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership – Joint Leaders Board
Name of Council Representative/s:	Cllr Neighbour
<p>Please give a brief outline of the role of the organisation on which you are a representative: Forum utilised to encourage working between the LEP and the local authorities throughout Hampshire and Surrey.</p> <p>How many times has this organisation met this year? Six (including the AGM)</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? Five</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p>	
<p>What input is asked of you as our representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are you (as a representative of the Council) part of the decision-making process for the organisation (e.g., voting rights)? Yes • are you informed of decisions? Yes • consulted on decisions? Yes 	
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<p>Any other comments regarding the representation of the Council on this body:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>	
<p>Recommendation whether to continue? The future of LEPs is still uncertain but involvement with them is essential.</p>	

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Name of External Body:	District Councils Network
Name of Council Representative/s:	Cllr Neighbour
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<p>Any other comments regarding the representation of the Council on this body:</p>	
<p>Recommendation whether to continue? Our annual fees tripled due to the lack of funds left from the predecessor organisation (ADC). Whilst I recommend membership continues, it should be considered for Tier 3 savings option.</p>	

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Name of External Body:	Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership
Name of Council Representative/s:	Cllr Neighbour
<p>Please give a brief outline of the role of the organisation on which you are a representative: Forum utilised to lobby central government and to disseminate emerging best practice.</p> <p>How many times has this organisation met this year? Once (the AGM)</p> <p>How many meetings have been attended? None</p> <p>Does this organisation appear dormant? No</p>	
<p>What input is asked of you as our representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are you (as a representative of the Council) part of the decision-making process for the organisation (e.g., voting rights)? Yes • are you informed of decisions? Yes • consulted on decisions? Yes 	
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Any other comments regarding the representation of the Council on this body:	
<p>Recommendation whether to continue? Several districts no longer contribute to this largely County function. Recommend it is considered for Tier 3 savings option.</p>	

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