

Report of the Interim Strategic Director

CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION1. Purpose of report

To confirm the Council's membership of the new incorporated Local Government Association (LGA).

2. Background

The LGA has written to all local authorities regarding the new arrangements which will be introduced for the organisation from July 2018. As a means of keeping down membership costs, the LGA's General Assembly, the main decision-making body made up of councillors from its member councils, took a decision in July 2017 to create a new incorporated Local Government Association. This will enable the LGA to be more financially sustainable, invest more in the work it does to support its members as well as keep subscriptions as low as possible.

The LGA will continue in its current form until July when the General Assembly will take a formal decision to disband the unincorporated Association. As part of the transition, councils have been asked to sign up to the new company. The change will not affect any of the benefits of membership or the services available to members.

The LGA provides a range of benefits to Councils. This includes peer group support, sharing of good practise and relevant conferences and events.

3. Financial implications

Membership of the LGA is £10,450 per annum, provision for has been made in the 2018/19 budget.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Council applies for admission as a Member Authority of the Local Government Association in accordance with the Association's Articles of Association.

Background papers

Nil