

**Agenda Item No: 7**

**LGSS JOINT COMMITTEE LEAD MEMBERS**

**To: LGSS JOINT COMMITTEE**

**From:** Democratic Services

**Purpose:** To present to the LGSS Joint Committee a proposal for the appointment Lead Members.

**Recommendation:** That the LGSS Joint Committee:

- a) agree to the creation of the role of Lead Member for the partner Local Authority that is not currently occupying the Chair or Vice-Chair position of the LGSS Joint Committee; and
- b) note the appointment of a Lead Member by Northamptonshire County Council.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Prior to Milton Keynes Council joining LGSS and appointing Members to the Joint Committee the role of Chair and Vice Chair rotated between the two Councils on an annual basis. This resulted in both partner Local Authorities being consulted during the formation of Partnership and Delegation Agreements (PDA) for example.
- 1.2 Since Milton Keynes Council joined LGSS in April 2016 there has been a risk that for the partner authority not occupying either the position of Chair or Vice-Chair might not be consulted during discussions or included in delegations.
- 1.3 The issue was raised by the outgoing Chairman of the Joint Committee at the September meeting of the Joint Committee and Democratic Services agreed to provide a report that would address the issue.

## **2. Proposal**

- 2.1 The original suggestion was for the Joint Committee to appoint a second Vice-Chair. However, this would require constitutional changes to each partner authority and follow the respective governance arrangements.
- 2.2 In order to negate the requirement for a change to the respective constitutions of each partner authority it is proposed that a Lead Member is appointed by the Local Authority that is not currently occupying the position of Chair or Vice-Chair.
- 2.3 The Lead Member would then be included in any briefings or delegations that may occur that would ordinarily have been undertaken with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee.
- 2.4 The Lead Member would be appointed annually on the same basis as the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

## **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Joint Committee is asked to:
  - a) to agree to the creation of the role of Lead Member for the partner Local Authority that is not currently occupying the position of Chair or Vice-Chair of the LGSS Joint Committee; and

- b) note the appointment of a Lead Member by Northamptonshire County Council.



