

## Individual Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Representation on Outside Bodies – LGA General Assembly and LGA Rural Commission</b>		
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Councillor Mike Rodger</b>	<b>on:</b>	<b>04 June 2004</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	<b>ID0783</b>		

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**Purpose of Report:**

To consider nominations to the LGA General Assembly and the LGA Rural Commission.

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**Recommended Action:**

To agree the Council's representation on the LGA General Assembly and Rural Commission

**Reason for decision to be taken:**

- The Annual Meeting of the General Assembly will take place on the 06 July 2004 and the registration form must be returned by the 14 June 2004.

**List of other options considered:**

- None

**Key background documentation:**

- Correspondence from the LGA General Assembly and the LGA Rural Commission

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## **Supporting Information**

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### **1. LGA General Assembly**

- 1.1 The Annual Meeting of the LGA General Assembly will take place on 06 July 2004 and a second meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2004. The Council has received a circular from the LGA inviting West Berkshire Council to appoint their representatives to serve on the General Assembly for 2004/2005. The registration form should be returned by the 14 June to ensure that representatives receive their papers for the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly.
- 1.2 West Berkshire Council is entitled to appoint three representatives and the Association encourages Authorities entitled to three or four representatives on the General Assembly to allocate one of those positions to Minority Group Leaders on their Authorities.
- 1.3 The representatives for 2003/2004 were Cllr Dr Royce Longton, Cllr Owen Jeffery and Cllr Susie Kemp with one vote each.
- 1.4 Members are appointed on an annual basis and Cllr Dr Royce Longton, Cllr Owen Jeffery and Cllr Susie Kemp have indicated that they would like to represent West Berkshire Council on the General Assembly for 2004/2005.

### **2. LGA Rural Commission**

- 2.1 The Rural Commission provides the forum within the LGA for member authorities with an interest in rural affairs. The annual meeting of the Rural Commission will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2004 in Bath, followed by the Rural Conference on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004.
- 2.2 West Berkshire Council is entitled to appoint two representatives, one of which must be a Member. The other representative can be a Member or an Officer. Each authority has one vote on the Rural Commission. The first named elected member will be allocated the authority's vote on the Commission and his/her political affiliation will help determine the political balance of the Rural Executive and the Rural Policy Review Group.
- 2.3 The Council's representatives for 2003/2004 were Councillors Keith Lock and Sue Farrant.
- 2.4 Members are appointed on an annual basis. Cllr Keith Lock and Cllr Graham Jones have indicated that they would like to represent West Berkshire Council on the Rural Commission for 2004/2005.

## **Appendices**

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Appendix A – LGAlert 116/04

Appendix B – LGAlert 142/04

## **Implications**

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### **Policy:**

The proposal outlined in this report is not in contradiction to any of the Council's existing policies, including those outlined in the Corporate Plan.

<b>Financial:</b>	The payment of travelling and subsistence claims.
<b>Personnel:</b>	None
<b>Legal:</b>	None
<b>Environmental:</b>	None
<b>Equalities:</b>	None
<b>Partnering:</b>	None
<b>Property:</b>	None
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None
<b>Community Safety:</b>	None

### **Consultation Responses**

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#### **Members:**

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Cllr Royce Longton
<b>Select Committee Chairmen:</b>	Cllr Keith Chopping
<b>P&amp;L Committee Chairman:</b>	N/a
<b>Ward Members:</b>	N/a
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	Cllr Keith Chopping
<b>Advisory Members:</b>	N/a
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	N/a
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Andy Day, Chris Gee, Steve Clarke
<b>Trade Union:</b>	N/a