

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Date: 10 September 2010

Subject: **Nominations to the UK Delegation to the
Congress of the Council of Europe**

Report by: Cllr Paul Watkins, SEEC Secretary & Treasurer
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Recommendation:

SEEC Executive is asked to note the report.

1. Background

- 1.1 As SEEC Executive members may recall, in March 2010 the Local Government Association (LGA) approached the local Government organisations seeking nominations to the Congress of the Council of Europe for the 2010-14 Delegation. In total, there are 14 full and 14 alternate seats for English local government. The LGA must also ensure fair gender and ethnic balance within the delegation.
- 1.2 Nominations were invited on an individual basis and the closing date for applications was 21st May. Since then, nominations have been through a selection process within the LGA and in conjunction the political group offices, to ensure a fair geographical balance across all English regions, a mix of types of councils, party balance and fair gender and ethnic balance already mentioned in para 1.1.

2. Proposed LGA nominations from the South East

- 2.1 On 13th August an e-mail was received from the LGA which proposed the following nominations from the South East:

Full Members

- Cllr David Shakespeare OBE (Conservative, Buckinghamshire CC)
- Cllr Alison Cook (Conservative, Sevenoaks BC)

Alternate Members

- Cllr Lynne Hack (Conservative, Surrey CC)
- Cllr Alex King OBE (Conservative, Kent CC)

- 2.2 The LGA propose to forward all final nominations to the Council of Europe by their deadline of 13th September 2010.

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