

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ALL-MEMBER MEETING**

Date: 11 July 2013

Subject: **SEEC Elections and Appointments 2013-14  
& Nominations to Outside Bodies**

Report of: Cllr Paul Watkins, SEEC Secretary & Treasurer



**Recommendations:**

- i) Members are invited to give indications of nominations for all elected posts (Chairman, Deputy Chairman & Secretary/Treasurer) to myself **by Monday 8 July 2013.**
- ii) Members are asked to provide group appointments for Vice Chairmen and Executive Committee members to myself **by 12.30pm on 11 July 2013.**
- iii) Consider whether the current remits of three ex-officio roles on the Executive Committee should be updated.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 SEEC's AGM is the opportunity for members to elect SEEC office holders for the period July 2013 to July 2014 and select nominees to represent the interests of South East authorities on a number of outside bodies.
- 1.2 Indications of nominations for the posts as SEEC Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer should be sent to myself by **8 July 2013.** Nominations for all other posts, including the Executive Committee, should be submitted to myself **by 12.30pm on 11 July 2013 at the latest.**
- 1.3 To facilitate the nomination process, templates for completion will be provided for political group meetings on 11 July.

**2. Elections**

- 2.1 Elections will be held at SEEC's AGM on 11 July 2013 for the following three most senior office holders:
  - i) **Chairman** of SEEC
  - ii) **Deputy Chairman** of SEEC
  - iii) **Secretary/Treasurer** of SEEC.
- 2.2 Elections will also be held to fill three ex-officio roles on the Executive Committee. In 2012-13 these posts were:
  - i) Transport convenor
  - ii) Planning & housing spokesman
  - iii) Growth & skills spokesman.

When considering nominations for these ex-officio posts, group meetings may also propose changes to the titles and remit of these roles, if required, to reflect member priorities for SEEC work in the coming year.
- 2.3 If there are two or more nominees for an elected post put forward to the main public meeting of SEEC, a ballot will be held. Members can choose to vote by a show of hands or to have a paper ballot using single transferable votes in line with the SEEC constitution.

**3. Group appointments**

- 3.1 Once the Chairman is elected, each remaining party or group holding more than 5% of council seats in the South East is entitled to appoint a vice chairman and

members of the SEEC Executive. The vice chairmen will act as group leaders and automatically gain one of their group's seats on the Executive.

- 3.2 The 19 seats on the **Executive committee** are allocated according to each party's vote share in local elections. Allocations for 2013-14 are:
- Conservative **11 seats** (including the chairman)
  - Liberal Democrats **3 seats** (including the vice chairman)
  - Labour **3 seats** (including the vice chairman).
  - To be confirmed **2 seats** Available to a potential formal alliance of two or more smaller parties who together hold more than 5% of South East councillor seats (see agenda item 3)

- 3.3 Appointments to the Executive should aim to follow the proportions set out in the constitution as closely as possible. This allows for 7 county members, 8 district members and 4 unitary members. In addition ex-officio seats on the Executive may be offered to the following if they are not otherwise elected to the Executive:
- Up to three spokesmen on specific topics (see para 2.2)
  - The Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the South East Districts' group
  - The Chairman of South East Strategic Leaders (SESL).

#### 4. Nominations to outside bodies

4.1 SEEC has received requests to appoint members to serve on the following:

Organisation	Nature of request
LGA Executive Committee	1 SEEC representative to attend monthly meetings. (normally the SEEC Chairman)
LGA Transport Futures Group	1 representative to attend quarterly meetings (normally the SEEC Transport Convenor)
South Central Ambulance Service Foundation Trust	1 Conservative nomination to replace Cllr Mary Ballin, who has stood down before the end of her term

4.2 Nominations made in previous years that are not yet due for review:

Organisation	Nature of request	Name	Local authority
Committee of the Regions	6 South East representatives	Cllr Paula Baker Cllr Robert Bliss Cllr Linda Gillham Cllr Gordon Keymer Cllr David Shakespeare Cllr Cec Tallack	Basingstoke & Deane BC Shepway DC Runnymede BC Tandridge DC Buckinghamshire CC Milton Keynes Council
LGA Inland Flood Risk Management Group	2 South East nominations	Cllr Peter Gardiner Cllr Geoffrey Woodger	Lewes DC Runnymede BC
ERDF Local Management Committee	3 South East representatives	Cllr Helyn Clack Cllr Mark Dance* Cllr Paul Watkins <i>* replaced Cllr Alex King, Kent CC, who stood down</i>	Surrey CC Kent CC Dover DC
South East Strategic Partnership for Migration	1 representative	Cllr Paul Watkins	Dover DC
South Central Ambulance Service Foundation Trust	2 representatives 1 vacancy (see para 4.1 above)	Cllr Keith House Cllr Simon Hoare	Eastleigh BC West Oxfordshire DC

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