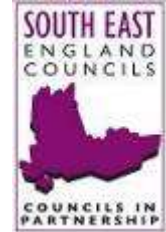


**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND COUNCILS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ALL-MEMBER MEETING**



Date: 28 June 2018

Subject: **SEEC elections, appointments & nominations 2018-19**

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Recommendations:

- i) Members make nominations for the posts of Chairman, Deputy Chairman & Secretary/Treasurer
- ii) Members make group nominations for Vice Chairmen, Executive members and consider whether any additional ex officio posts are required
- iii) Members select SEEC representatives to serve on outside bodies
- iv) Members make all nominations to group leaders **by 11am on 28 June 2018**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 SEEC's AGM is the opportunity for members to elect office holders for the year beginning June 2018 and select councillors to represent South East interests on outside bodies.
- 1.2 Nominations should be put forward to political group meetings on 28 June 2018 for: SEEC Chairman; Deputy Chairman; Secretary/Treasurer; Vice Chairmen; Executive Committee; and outside bodies.
- 1.3 To facilitate the nomination process, templates for completion will be provided for political group meetings on 28 June.

2. Elections

- 2.1 Elections will be held on 28 June 2018 for SEEC's three most senior office holders:
 - i) **Chairman** of SEEC
 - ii) **Deputy Chairman** of SEEC
 - iii) **Secretary/Treasurer** of SEEC.
- 2.2 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 nominations

- 3.1 Once the Chairman is elected, each remaining party holding more than 5% of council seats in the South East is entitled to appoint a Vice Chairman and member(s) of the SEEC Executive. SEEC's Chairman and 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** are allocated according to each party's vote share in local elections. Proposed allocations for 2018-19 are:
 - Conservative **13 seats** (including the chairman)
 - Labour **3 seats** (including the vice chairman)
 - Liberal Democrats **2 seats** (including the vice chairman)
 - *To be confirmed* **1 seat** Available to a potential formal alliance of two or more smaller parties. NB although only one seat is available, a coalition of more than one party would be required to ensure the Executive member meets the requirement of representing parties who together hold more than 5% of South East councillor seats (see agenda item 2).
- 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 Executive seats may be offered to the following if they are not otherwise elected to the Executive. This will be on condition that their council is in SEEC membership.
 - Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the South East Districts' group
 - Chairman or a senior councillor representing South East Strategic Leaders (SESL).

3.4 There is also potential to add up to three specific, additional ex-officio roles if required – for example spokespeople on specific topics or members of the Wider South East Political Steering Group who are not otherwise included in the Executive membership.

4. Nominations to outside bodies

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

Organisation	Nature of request
LGA Executive Committee	1 SEEC representative to attend approximately six meetings a year (normally the SEEC Chairman)
Wider South East Political Steering Group	SEEC's outgoing Chairman has been a member of the Wider South East Political Steering Group (PSG) for the past 2 years. He has indicated that he would be prepared to continue as a PSG member if the AGM wishes to renew his appointment. A decision is required. Options for the AGM to consider include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewing the appointment to provide continuity Offering the seat instead to the incoming SEEC Chairman Considering an open invitation to interested SEEC members who may want to join PSG. The commitment is to attend 3-4 meetings a year with London Mayor's office, London Councils and East of England on the London Plan and shared interests around infrastructure and housing. The nominee will join 4 existing SEEC nominees (see below).

4.2 Nominations made previously that are not yet due for review:

Organisation	Nature of request	Name	Local authority
Wider South East Political Steering Group	5 representatives (NB currently 1 potential vacancy – see para 4.1 above)	Cllr Paul Bettison (Con) Cllr John Furey (Con) Cllr Tony Page (Lab) Cllr Carole Paternoster (Con) 1 x potential vacancy	Bracknell Forest Council Surrey CC Reading BC Aylesbury Vale DC
South East Strategic Partnership for Migration	1 representative to serve as SESPM Chairman	Cllr Roger Gough (Con)	Kent CC
South Central Ambulance Service Foundation Trust	3 representatives	Cllr Jeanette Clifford (Con) Cllr Dr Anne Crampton (Con) Cllr Keith House (L-D)	West Berkshire Council Hart DC Eastleigh BC