

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



Date: 27 June 2019

Subject: **Elections, appointments & nominations 2018/19**

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Recommendations

Members are asked to

- i) appoint to the posts of Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-Chairs
- ii) appoint a further 14 Executive Members
- iii) consider any additional ex-officio appointments to the Executive
- iv) select representatives to serve on outside bodies

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Annual General Meeting elects office holders for the year and selects Councillors to represent the South East's interests on outside bodies.
- 1.2 The methodology for allocating seats on the Executive is described in Item 2 of this agenda together with the allocation for each Group in 2019/20.
- 1.3 Members should make nominations to Group Leaders by **10.30am on 27 June 2019**.

2. Election of South East England Council office holders

- 2.1 Elections will be held at the AGM for the posts of:
 - Chair
 - Deputy Chair
 - Secretary/Treasurer.
 - Vice-Chairs
 - Other Executive Members
- 2.2 South East England Councils' Constitution allows for the election of two Vice-Chairs nominated by each of the two main party groups not represented by the Chair. Based on the seat allocation for 2019/20, the posts of Chair and Vice-Chairs should be filled from within the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups.
- 2.3 The Chair and Vice-Chairs will act as group leaders and automatically gain one of their Group's seats on the Executive.
- 2.4 If there are two or more nominees for an elected post put forward to the AGM, a ballot will be held. Members can choose to vote by a show of hands or to have a paper ballot. In the event of there being more than two candidates for the post of Chair, election will be by an elimination ballot, eliminating one candidate until one candidate has a majority.
- 2.5 The allocation of seats on the Executive in 2019/20 is:

- Conservative 11
- Labour 3
- Liberal Democrats 3
- Independent 1
- Other 1

2.6 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.

3 Ex-officio Executive seats

3.1 In addition to the elected positions, ex-officio Members may be appointed subject to their authority being a Member of South East England Councils. In 2018/19 the following ex-officio appointments were made:

- Chair of South East Districts Councils
- Deputy Chair of South East Districts Councils
- South East England Councils/ Strategic Leaders Member
- Previous Chair of South East England Councils

4 Nominations to outside bodies

4.1 The AGM is asked to appoint members to serve on the following organisations.

Organisation	Nature of request
LGA Executive Committee	1 representative to attend approximately six meetings a year (normally the Chair)
South East Strategic Partnership for Migration	Chair. Councillor Roger Gough (Kent CC, Conservative) has indicated his willingness to continue as Chair.
South Central Ambulance Service Foundation Trust	Governor. 1 vacancy from an authority in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire or Oxfordshire (County, Unitary or District)

4.2 Nominations for the role of Governor of the South Central Ambulance Foundation Trust were invited from member authorities in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. Members were asked to submit a short statement stating their reason for interest in the position and their experience.

4.3 Two nominations were received:

Councillor Owen Jeffrey (West Berkshire Council, Liberal Democrat). Councillor Jeffrey is Shadow Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care. He was previously a local authority Member of the Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Authority which he believes will be relevant as there are many similar issues facing the emergency services.

Councillor Barry Wood (Cherwell District Council, Conservative). Councillor Wood is the Leader of the Council and also Director of a Local Economic Partnership. He believes that this will help bring a local authority perspective to Governors' discussions as well as helping the Non- Executive Directors in their important role.

4.4 Nominations made previously that are not due for review:

Organisation	Nature of request	Name	Local authority
Wider South East Political Steering Group	5 representatives	Cllr Paul Bettison (Con) Cllr Nicholas Heslop (Con) Cllr Colin Kemp (Con) Cllr Tony Page (Lab) Cllr Carole Paternoster (Con)	Bracknell Forest Council Tonbridge & Malling BC Surrey CC Reading BC Aylesbury Vale DC
South Central Ambulance Service Foundation Trust	3 representatives	Cllr Dr Anne Crampton (Con) Cllr Keith House (Lib Dem) Vacancy (see above)	Hart DC Eastleigh BC