

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

12 OCTOBER 2017

**REPORT OF CRIME AND DISORDER
SELECT COMMITTEE**

CABINET DECISION

Leader of the Council - Cllr Bob Cook

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES

1. Summary

The attached report presents the Crime and Disorder Select Committee findings and recommendations following the Scrutiny Review Membership of Local Government Bodies.

2. Recommendation

That the Council retain membership of the following Local Government Bodies:

LGA – Local Government Association

SIGOMA – Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities

NEPO – North East Purchasing Organisations

NEREO – North East Regional Employers Organisation

APSE – Association of Public Service Excellence

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2016/17.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or

- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

1 This report presents Cabinet with the outcomes of the Scrutiny Review of Membership of Local Government Bodies. The review was specifically concerned with the following local government bodies:

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2. The main issues which were being examined by the Select Committee were:

- What is the level of use of outside bodies?
- What benefits are derived from membership?
- How best can information and learning be shared?
- Does membership represent value for money?
- Is representation appropriate?

3. The Committee took evidence from the Councillors appointed to the local government bodies and sought feedback from the Council's Senior Management Team on the key lines of enquiry. Feedback was provided verbally or in writing to the Select Committee.

COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4. This report is not subject to an Impact Assessment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Membership subscriptions as set out in the report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. None.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This review is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

8. The review seeks to support the Council's objectives of:
- Deliver a balanced and sustainable medium term financial plan
 - Ensure the Council uses its assets effectively
 - Develop and ensure delivery of a robust governance framework
 - Continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our services

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

9. The Committee have received evidence as set out in the final report of the Select Committee.

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Education related? No

Background Papers None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors The proposals as a whole are not ward specific.

Property None