



Safest People, Safest Places

Combined Fire Authority

30 March 2022

Local Government Association (LGA) Subscription

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of the LGA subscription for 2022/23 and to seek a decision about continued membership.

Background

2. A letter from Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive of the LGA, setting out the role provided by the LGA and associated subscription rate for 2022/23 was received on 9 March 2022. A copy of the letter is attached at Appendix A.

LGA Services Provided

3. The LGA lobbies on behalf of local authorities on many issues that affect the sector as a whole and works with councils and fire authorities to develop new approaches to improvement and innovation. The attached letter sets out the recent work of the LGA.
4. One of the LGA's key priorities has been maintaining close partnerships with other organisations to drive their work forwards. They have continued to work closely with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC), the Home Office, Fire Standards Board, the Fire Protection Board, the Health and Safety Executive, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) and the National Employers. This is extremely helpful in presenting a joined-up and consistent voice for the fire and rescue service to government.

5. A significant amount of work has also been undertaken by the LGA and the NFCC to make a case for sustainable funding for the sector.

Subscription Rate

6. Subscriptions are now made via Direct Debit and the LGA Board have agreed a 2% increase in subscriptions for 2022/23. There is a 2.5% Direct Debit discount and a 2.5% loyalty discount for fire and rescue authorities not on notice to withdraw from LGA Membership.
9. The overall membership fee for 2022/23 is therefore £7,194.

Recommendation

10. Members are requested to **agree** the LGA subscription for 2022/23.

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