

To: Council

On: 18 May, 2017

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)

1. Summary

- 1.1 Correspondence has been received from CoSLA asking whether the Council wishes to re-join and to appoint representatives.
 - 1.2 Should the Council re-join CoSLA it would be entitled to nominate five representatives to the CoSLA Convention. No new guidance has been issued on the allocation of places to take account of the extent and scale of coalitions within councils following the recent elections. CoSLA has however recommended previously that the representation reflects the balance of party political strength within councils.
 - 1.3 The Council's contribution would be assessed on the basis of a standard fixed sum with the balance of the subscription being determined by the number of people living within Renfrewshire.
 - 1.4 The first Leaders' meeting will be held on 26 May 2017 and the first meeting of the Convention will be held on 30 June 2017.
 - 1.5 Should the Council decide to rejoin CoSLA, the Council may wish to decide whether it should remain a member of the Scottish Local Government Partnership. There are no financial consequences to the Council of leaving the Partnership.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council considers whether it wishes to re-join CoSLA and if so to appoint its five representatives.
- 2.2 That the Council considers whether to continue its membership of the Scottish Local Government Partnership.

Implications of this report

1. **Financial Implications** – the Council's 2017/18 subscription would be £104,543
2. **HR and Organisational Development Implications** – none
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan Implications** – none
4. **Legal Implications** – none
5. **Property/Assets Implications** – none
6. **Information Technology Implications** – none
7. **Equality and Human Rights Implications**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health and Safety Implications** – none
9. **Procurement Implications** – none
10. **Risk Implications** – none
11. **Privacy Impact** – none

List of Background Papers –

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