

OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION



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Date: 6 May 2020		Ref No:	
Type of Operational Decision:			
Executive Decision	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Status:			
Title/Subject matter: Payment of annual subscription fees: Local Government Association			
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision:			
(i) within an Approved Budget	Yes		
(ii) in accordance with Council Policy	Yes		
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]		No	




Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]:

Bury Council, along with 334 of the 338 of other Local Authorities is currently a member of the Local Government Association (LGA). The LGA provides a number of benefits including

- the opportunity to influence local government work through membership of boards, commissions, advisory groups or the Councillors' Forum
- access to support and advice for councillors through political group offices
- access to up-to-the-minute news, briefings and daily news headlines on the LGA website through a suite of subscription e-bulletins
- support on national media relations including in times of crisis
- access to a wide range of free or discounted events
- access to legal advice, opinions and guidance on complex issues
- opportunities to join special interest groups, including the District Councils' Network, County Councils' Network or the Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities
- use of facilities at 18 Smith Square, including free meeting room hire
- invitations to Royal Garden Parties

The total cost of membership is £34,266.96 which includes a direct debit and loyalty discount totalling £10,863.14. Budget is available through the Council's corporate management subscriptions budget.

It is proposed that the Council continues to be a member of the Local Government Association.

Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Geoff Little, Chief Executive		7/5/20
Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		
Councillor David Jones, Leader of the Council		7/5/20
Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing		7/5/20
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where a Chief Officer considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**