

Local Government Association

Council, item 11

Committee: Council

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Agenda Item

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Item for
decision

Summary

- 1 Members are asked to consider approving the appointment of Councillor Godwin to the LGA Strategy and Finance Forum.

Recommendations

- 2 That the appointment of Councillor Godwin to the LGA Strategy and Finance Forum be approved and confirmed as eligible for payment of travel expenses.

Background

- 3 Councillor E J Godwin has been invited to be one of the seven independent members on the LGA Strategy and Finance Forum.
- 4 Members of the Forum will be involved in the formulation of LGA policy and will also have the responsibility for ensuring that they promote their own local authorities and region on the national scheme. This would have obvious advantages for Uttlesford.
- 5 Under the Members' Allowance Scheme travel expenses would only normally be payable where "a member is appointed as a representative of the Council". Unfortunately, there is nothing else in the scheme which would permit payment and Members are therefore asked to approve the appointment as set out above.
- 6 It is likely that the Forum will meet approximately once a month in London and travel expenses would be in the region of £32 per journey by train.

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Impact

Communication/Consultation	Nil
Community Safety	Nil
Equalities	Nil
Finance	Annual costs of up to £400
Human Rights	Nil
Legal implications	Nil
Ward-specific impacts	Nil
Workforce/Workplace	Nil

Situation

- 1 The advantages of being represented on the LGA forum will have to be weighed against the cost of travel expenses.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Missed opportunity of raising the profile of the district and being involved in LGA policy by not making an appointment	Low	Low	To approve the recommendation