

Report of: Democratic Services Manager

Subject: Corporate Events: WLGA Annual Conference

Decision Required: Yes

Recommendation:

The Authority is asked to authorise attendance at the Welsh Local Government Annual Conference.

1. Key Messages

Members are invited to agree representation at the WLGA Annual Conference to be held on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th September 2026 at the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea:

2. Background

During the course of a year, the National Park Authority is invited to attend various corporate events. Attendance at external events is an important part of Members' duties and, whilst it is acknowledged that other calls are made on their time, it is expected that Members will attend a number of these during their term of office with the Authority.

The draft agenda for the WLGA Conference is attached.

3. Consultation

None

4. Strategic Policy Context

The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic policy context.

Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it is one of the Principles of the Authority's Code of Corporate Governance. Therefore, ensuring that Members and officers have the necessary skills to operate the organisation is an important aspect of governance.

5. Financial Considerations

The number of events offered to Members has been reduced due to financial pressures, however there is still a small budget for attendance at Corporate Events. The cost of attendance is £100 per person, plus travelling expenses.

6. Risk and Compliance Considerations

Although the Authority is facing financial pressures, there is a risk in Members not engaging with external bodies from whom good practice can be learned.

7. Impact on our Public Sector Duties

7.1 Integrated Assessment Completed: No

7.2 Equality, Socio-Economic, Health and Human Rights Impacts

There are no impacts arising from attendance at this event.

7.3 Welsh Language Impacts

There are no impacts arising from attendance at these events.

7.4 Section 6 Biodiversity Duty and Carbon Emission Impacts

Travel to these events will be by shared car/minibus to minimise carbon emissions. One of the Authority's corporate objectives as outlined in the current decarbonisation delivery plan is for PCNPA to be a carbon neutral Authority by 2030. The fleet (including Grey Fleet) comprises approximately 6% of CO₂e emissions and a fleet decarbonisation programme is ongoing.

7.5 Well-being Goals for Wales and 5 Ways of Working (Sustainable Development Principles) Impacts

Attendance at these events will better equip Members to consider the Well-being Goals for Wales and the Sustainable Development Principles in their decision making.

8. Conclusion

Members are asked to agree representation at the WLGA Annual Conference.

9. List Background Documentation:

None

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Wednesday 16th September	
09:00-12:00	Exhibitor set up
11:00-13:00	Delegate registration
12:45	Delegates take seats
13:00	Conference Welcome Sian Lloyd, Conference Chair Cllr Rob Stewart, Leader of Swansea Council WLGA Leader CCLA Representative (Main Conference Sponsor)
13:30-14:00	Keynote speech- Professor Sir Michael Marmot, Director of the UCL Institute of Health Equity
14:00	Delegates move to fringes
14:15 – 15:15	FRINGE SESSIONS WLGA- Enabling Resilient Communities in Wales WLGA- Engaging young people in the democratic process: examples from Swansea Hugh James- Beyond Good Intentions: Delivering Successful Partnerships in Welsh Public Services Cwmpas- Strengthening Local Economies Through Community Wealth Building
15:15	Delegates move back to main conference
15:30-16:30	The 4 UK LGAs WLGA Leader, TBC COLSA President, Cllr. Shona Morrison NILGA President, Ald. Hazel Legge LGA TBC
16:30-17:00	The New Auditor General for Wales on her vision for public services in Wales
18:00-20:00	Conference Reception

Thursday 17 September 2026	
09:45	Delegates take seats
10:00 – 10:45	SESSION TBC
10:45-12:00	SESSION TBC
12:00-12:30	SESSION TBC
12:30	LUNCH & EXHIBITION
15:15-16:15	FRINGE SESSIONS WLGA- A New Deal for Rural Wales – delivering the WLGA Rural Manifesto Asks WLGA- Sector Led Improvement: Building Data Capability Across Local Government Welsh Revenue Authority - Working together on Welsh taxes Children in Wales- Beyond Consultation: The Power of Youth Participation
14:00 - 15:00	Cohesion, Democracy and Trust in Polarised Times Dr Amy Sanders, Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research and Data Andrea Cleaver, Chief Executive of the Welsh Refugee Council Karen Jones, Chair of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru Emeka Forbes, Independent Commission on Community and Cohesion
16:15-17:00	SESSION TBC
18:30	Predinner reception
19:30	Conference Dinner and Awards Ceremony

