

Overview and Scrutiny – Outside Organisation Update from the Council’s appointed representatives

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Organisation: LGA District Councils Network
Assembly

The Council’s representatives are invited to report on any meetings of the appointed outside organisation, the role the organisation(s) they represent plays in promoting and aligning with the Council's priorities, policies and strategies, their impact and results, and advising on partnership discussions which are open and in the public domain. Feedback is scheduled across a full year cycle once per annum for most organisations and twice where meetings are more frequent (greater than 5).

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| Purpose of the Organisation: | <p>The District Councils’ Network (DCN) is a cross-party network of 169 district and unitary councils. We are a special interest group of the Local Government Association, providing a single voice for all district services.</p> <p>DCN member councils deliver a wide range of local government services to over 21 million people – 37% of England’s population. They cover 59% of the country by area. DCN councils are home to 39% of England’s businesses and 32% of national Gross Domestic Product.</p> <p>They deliver visible frontline services that matter to every single resident and business in their local areas.</p> <p>These include waste collection, planning and housing, homelessness prevention, welfare support, environmental health, parks and green spaces, leisure centres, and economic development.</p> <p>DCN councils play a unique role in shaping local places to make them more prosperous. They drive local economic growth and the resurgence of local pride that goes with it. They hold vital keys to improving health and wellbeing and reducing pressure on the NHS. They have an unparalleled ability to support local residents who need it most and help prevent the social problems of tomorrow.</p> |
| Attendance requirements/ meetings attended: | Yearly Conference/Seminars and Briefings. |

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| Feedback: | I have given full feedback, this year we looked at many issues affecting District Councils including LGR and Devolution. |
| Examples of where the brief above has been followed: | Briefing in email form to all Councillors. |
| Additional information relevant to Overview & Scrutiny including the value that TDC brings to this organisation and/or why this organisation needs TDC: | We use the organisation to gain understanding of issues coming forward through regular briefings and seminars. |