

Meeting:	Annual General Meeting, 23 October 2013
Agenda Item:	2a
Subject:	Proposed Constitutional Amendment
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Purpose:	To determine whether the AGM wishes to amend the NuLeAF Constitution to enable the election of two Vice-Chairs

1. NuLeAF's governing constitution currently provides for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair.

"CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

16 NuLeAF shall have a Chair and Vice-Chair, who will be councillors from contributing member authorities. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be appointed at the AGM. Should a vote be required, voting powers will be restricted to councillors from contributing member authorities and to one vote per authority.

17 The maximum term of office for a Chair or Vice-Chair, from the time of adoption of this constitution, will be three years. "

Manchester City Council has suggested that the constitution should be amended to allow the election of a second Vice-Chair. The reasons given for this suggestion are:

- a) this would "improve resilience in NuLeAF";
- b) it would avoid any problems created by the sudden resignation of a Vice-Chair; and
- c) would make meeting planning easier.

2. In order to facilitate the election of a second Vice-Chair it would be necessary for an amendment to be made to the constitution. This can be achieved through a vote at the AGM. Voting rights are restricted to elected members representing a contributing member authority (one vote per authority).

3. Should the AGM wish to make the proposed amendment to the constitution, it is suggested that the wording of the constitution should be amended to read as follows:

*"NuLeAF shall have a Chair and **up to two Vice-Chairs**, who will be councillors from contributing member authorities. The Chair and **Vice-Chairs** will be appointed at the AGM. Should a vote be required, voting powers will be restricted to councillors from contributing member authorities and to one vote per authority. "*