

Meeting:	Annual General Meeting, 23 October 2013
Agenda Item:	2
Subject:	Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
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Purpose:	To elect the Chair and Vice-Chair

Invitations for nominations were circulated to Member Authorities by e-mail.

Councillor Richard Smith MVO (Suffolk County Council), the current Acting Chair, has indicated his willingness to serve for a further year.

Councillor Brendan Sweeney (Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council) and Councillor Mark Hackett (Manchester City Council) have both indicated that they would be willing to stand for election as Vice-Chair

The procedure for nominations and elections is as follows:

- a councillor from any contributing member authority may be nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair;
- candidates may be nominated by any member authority, and should be seconded by another member authority;
- any nominations should be submitted in writing by email (catherine.draper@nuleaf.org.uk) to reach the NuLeAF secretariat before 4.00pm on Monday, 21 October 2013;
- if any position is contested, voting cards will be issued to the elected member delegates from each contributing member authority represented at the AGM;
- in the event of the need for an election, candidates (or their nominee) will be asked to make a 2 minute presentation to the AGM in support of their candidature;
- voting will be by secret ballot and each ballot will eliminate the candidate with the least votes; and
- the AGM's advice will be sought in the event of a tied vote.

A verbal update on nominations will be provided at the meeting.

A proposal has been made that the NuLeAF constitution should be amended to allow up to two Vice-Chairs to be elected. A paper outlining the proposal and the suggested amendment to the wording of the constitution has been distributed to those attending the meeting and will be discussed and voted upon following the election of a Chair, but prior to the election (if held) of the Vice-Chair(s).