

Peer support and peer challenge

Expression of interest to become a member peer

The Local Government Association (LGA) provides a range of tools and support to help councils and councillors further strengthen local accountability and improve their performance. Peer challenge and peer support are fundamental parts of this offer to support self-regulation and sector-led improvement. They help councils and their councillors with their improvement and learning by providing a 'practitioner perspective' and 'critical friend' challenge.

We regularly review our pool of member peers to ensure we can offer peers with the experience and expertise required by the sector. The information we request in this form will help us consider your knowledge, expertise and experience, and how that matches the demand and requirements for peers.

We will use the information you provide for administration, record keeping and, potentially, selection for peer work within the local government sector. We may also share your information with others – such as local authorities and other public sector bodies we work with – for these purposes. By returning this form to us you consent to our processing personal data about you where necessary for the purposes described above. You have a right to ask for a copy of the information we hold about you and to correct any inaccuracies in your information.

You should submit your completed form to the relevant Political Group Office at:

Conservative:

lgaconservatives@local.gov.uk

Labour:

anthie.zachariou@local.gov.uk

Liberal Democrat:

howard.sykes@local.gov.uk

terry.stacy@local.gov.uk

Independent:

sarah.woodhouse@local.gov.uk

Independent.GroupLGA@local.gov.uk

Hard copies can be sent to the relevant Political Group Office at:

Local Government Association
Local Government House
Smith Square
London SW1P 3HZ

Thank you for your interest in being a peer.

Section one

Personal information

Name

Authority

Party

Date first
elected

Years as a
councillor

Email

Web/
Facebook/
Twitter

Mobile
phone

Alternative
telephone

Date of completion of this form

In order to maximise the peer expertise we offer to the sector we look at the relevant skills and experience of all peers when putting peer teams together and assigning peers to assignments. However, if there are areas you are particularly interested in, or have been asked to apply for then please indicate the area below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult services | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership working |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's services | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire and rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Regeneration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate peer challenge | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways/transport planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culture and tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital leadership and social media | <input type="checkbox"/> Scrutiny |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effective opposition | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport and leisure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equalities and diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Member development | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary organisations |

Section two

Position(s) held at your council

Please state the councillor roles you have held listing the most recent and current first (eg leader of the council, chair of overview and scrutiny, etc).

Organisation	Position held	From/to
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Section two

Position(s) held at your council (continued)

Please list current and previous positions on outside bodies as a councillor (eg LSP, health and wellbeing board, NHS body, school governor, etc):

Organisation	Position held	From/to

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Position(s) held at your council (continued)

Please list current and previous positions on outside bodies as a councillor (eg LSP, Health and Wellbeing Board, NHS body, School Governor, etc):

Organisation	Position held	From/to

Please use the 'Additional information' page at the back of this form to provide further role history if required.

Section three

Other relevant skills and experience

Please list any personal development activity you have undertaken during the last five years. This should include any development undertaken with the LGA eg Leadership Academy, Leeds Castle, etc.

Section four

Personal statement

Please summarise the key skills, experience and expertise you would bring as a peer. Should you be accredited as a member peer we will use this as the basis of your 'peer profile'. The 'peer profile' is what we normally send to councils when suggesting peers to them. Your personal statement should be no longer than 300-350 words, and written in the third person.

Section five

Endorsement and reference

We ask that you make your political group leader aware that you are applying to be a peer.

Reference: We also ask that you list two people who can be contacted regarding your work and suitability to be a peer. We request that one of these is someone not from the LGA and not elected or working for the authority you serve on.

Reference 1

Name

Position

Organisation

Address

Telephone

Email

Reference 2

Name

Position

Organisation

Address

Telephone

Email

Section six

Equal Opportunities information

Please note the following information will not be used in the peer selection or placement process, it will only be used for monitoring purposes as we are asked from time to time to report on the equality impact aspects of our work.

Gender Male Female Other

Age 16–20 21–30 31–40 41–50
51–60 61–70 70+ Prefer not to say

I would describe my ethnic origin as: Prefer not to say

White British Irish Other white

Black Black British Caribbean African
Other Black

Asian Asian British Indian Pakistani
Bangladeshi Other Asian

Mixed
White + Asian White + Black African
White + Black Caribbean Other Mixed

Chinese or other ethnic group Chinese Any other

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on a person's ability to carry out day-to-day activities. **Do you have a disability?**

Yes No Prefer not to say

Do you have any special requirements regarding carrying out potential peer work?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

Section seven

Unspent Criminal Convictions

Peers can work in challenging and sensitive situations, including the handling of confidential information. You will not be asked to disclose convictions which are 'spent' under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Having an unspent conviction will not necessarily bar you from becoming a peer. This will depend on the circumstance and background to your offence. It is therefore important that we know of anything that may have a bearing on that part of the role. If we require evidence other forms of check, such as CRB, this will be handled separately.

Do you have any unspent criminal convictions? Yes No

If yes, please give details of the convictions(s) and date(s).

Please note you need only disclose convictions which are not spent.

Section eight

Additional information