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**Proposal for affiliation fees for 2009/10 for consideration by the AGM 2008**

Member councils will be aware from the Annual Report distributed before this meeting that your Association is currently operating at a deficit.

A significant part of this deficit arises from the cost of the excellent legal services for member councils provided by Hedleys Solicitors. This was introduced in 2007 at no additional cost to members – your F & GP and Executive Committees took the view that this service should be funded from reserves until the need for and quality of the service were established.

Your Committees now consider that the service has proven that there is a strong requirement from member councils for this benefit to continue, and funding for it must now be addressed. The whole of the deficit for 2007/8 and 40% of the forecast deficit for 2008/9 are attributable to this cost alone.

Your Executive Committee is therefore recommending to this meeting that the affiliation fee proposal for 2009/10 should include an increase for inflation of 3%, and should further be set at a level that will generate an additional £5,000 over and above inflation, specifically to cover the additional legal service.

The attached schedule therefore incorporates these two elements. As will be seen from the schedule, the true cost of membership for 2009/10 will total around £160,000, but our County Council currently provides funding for your Association of around £100,000 or 62% of this cost, leaving member councils with a level of annual fee that, by comparison with many other county associations, represents excellent value for money.

I ask for member councils to support the unanimous recommendation of your Executive Committee and adopt an affiliation fee rate for 2009/10 that will provide an increase of 3% for inflation and £5,000 specifically to cover the legal service provided by Hedleys.

*Peter Bulbeck*  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**AGENDA ITEM 13****SCHEDULE OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008****RESOLUTION 1: AGM 2008**

*That this Assembly resolves to request the Chief Constable reconsider the withdrawal of Hampshire Constabulary Police Officers attendance at carnival processions and similar community events.*

Proposer: Fair Oak and Horton Heath PC  
Seconder: West End PC

**RESOLUTION 2: AGM 2008**

*That this Assembly resolves to lobby the government department of Communities and Local Government to amend legislation to reflect modern banking practices, with regard to properly authorised payments using electronic methods including variable direct debits.*

Proposer: Binsted PC  
Seconder: Grayshott PC

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