

QUESTION	REGIONAL BODY	RESPONSE
1) How has your LGA and your Assembly been constituted? (ie are they legal/financial entities etc?)	South East Regional Assembly	Full details of the Assembly's constitution are available on our website
	East of England Regional Assembly	A copy of its constitution is contained on its website at www.eera.gov.uk
	North East Assembly	We have the Association of North East Councils and the North East Assembly. The former acts as the regional arm of the LGA. Each is a separate entity and is an unincorporated association. Each has its own membership, constitution and business plan. But all staff work for both bodies and there is a single, joint budget.
	Yorkshire and Humber Assembly	The LGA in this region is the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Local Authorities (ALA). Neither this nor the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly is a legal entity in its own right
	North West Regional Assembly	The Assembly does not function as an Independent Legal Entity, but is hosted by St Helens MBC which acts as both the employer of NWRA staff and as the Assembly's accountable body.

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2) What is the relationship between your LGA and your Assembly?	South East Regional Assembly	There is no LGA Association for the South East, hence no relationship
	East of England Regional Assembly	In the east of England there is one organisation - the East of England regional assembly. One of the functions of EERA is to act as the recognised regional body of the LGA.
	North East Assembly	A high level of separation, but, at the same time, joint staff and budget.
	Yorkshire and Humber Assembly	The Yorkshire and Humber Association of Local Authorities and the Assembly are serviced by the same officer team, and are based in the same premises. These bodies have a combined budget at the moment, but this is currently under review.
	North West Regional Assembly	There is no formal relationship between the two organisations. The NWRA facilitates LGA meetings (usually following meetings of the Assembly plenary). These meetings are also chaired by the NWRA Chair, Cllr Dave Quayle. Trafford MBC acts as secretariat for the meetings.

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3) Which organisation is the accountable body for your staff and how many staff do you employ?	South East Regional Assembly	The staff of the Assembly are employed by SEERA Ltd a not for profit company that conducts all of the financial and legal affairs of the Assembly. There are currently 34 staff employed by SEERA Ltd on behalf of the Assembly.
	East of England Regional Assembly	EERA is the regional employer's organisation. EERA employs around 45 staff.
	North East Assembly	All 32 staff are formally employed by the Association of North East Councils. Northumberland County Council acts as the accountable body for the receipt of ODPM funding under the Strengthening Regional Accountability and planning initiatives.
	Yorkshire and Humber Assembly	Our accountable body is Wakefield MDC. Other than secondees and temps, all the staff at the Assembly are employed by WMDC. There are 48.2 full time equivalent posts on the establishment, of which there are currently 6 vacancies.
	North West Regional Assembly	The NWRA currently has 59 members of staff. St Helens MBC acts as the employer of NWRA staff

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4) Have there been any changes, or are there to be any changes, to the relationship between your LGA and Assembly, in light of the "no" vote in the recent North East referendum?	South East Regional Assembly	The Assembly remains a partnership assembly in line with the ODPM's "Your Choice" document and hence the North East referendum has not affected our day to day business.
	East of England Regional Assembly	there are no plans to alter arrangements.
	North East Assembly	Members of both bodies have decided to move towards a markedly greater degree of separation, with each body employing its own staff and separate budgets. Each organisation will be incorporated. This has not resulted from the referendum outcome, but rather from a review that was discussed and planned before the referendum.
	Yorkshire and Humber Assembly	The Assembly and ALA is currently undergoing a review of form and function, initiated by the local authorities. This review is due to be completed in the Autumn of this year.
	North West Regional Assembly	There has been no change, and is no foreseeable change, in the relationship between the NWRA and the NWLGA since the NE referendum.