

## Note of last Improvement & Innovation Board meeting

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**Title:** Improvement & Innovation Board  
**Date:** Monday 16 July 2018  
**Venue:** Westminster Room, 8th Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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### Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr Alan Connett declared an interest as a tutor in the LGA leadership Academy.	
<b>2</b>	<b>LGA Annual Conference, Exhibition and Innovation Zone 2018</b>  Cllr Peter Fleming OBE introduced the paper updating members on the Annual Conference and Innovation Zone, he also expressed his thanks to the Members and Officers who were involved.  Vicki Goddard, Improvement Support Adviser, informed the Board that feedback had been very positive. She detailed the key themes that were explored at the Innovation Zone over the course of the LGA Conference.  A view was expressed that some senior speakers attending the Innovation Zone found that they were only talking to a small number of delegates.  The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the team for all their hard work on the Innovation Zone.  <b>Decision</b>  That members offer any comments that can be taken into account.  <b>Action</b>  Officers will take forward next year's conference and Innovation Zone, incorporating Member's comments.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Highlighting Leadership offer: 2017/18 final outturn &amp; 2018/19 work priorities</b>  Cllr Judi Billing MBE, introduced the paper updating members on final engagement figures for the 2017/18 Highlighting Political Leadership offer and providing a proposed work programme for the 2018/19 session. It had been another record year with the highest number of participants (844 including Wales), BAME participation had increased in some programmes and 96% of responding participants reported	

they felt more confident in their role following participation.

Cllr Joy Allen informed the Board that she had been working on improving take-up figures in the north east region.

In the discussion which followed, Members raised the following points;

- A view was expressed that there is a lack of understanding around the need for a robust opposition in Councils and the LGA should continue to promote the importance of its effective opposition courses
- A view was expressed that all the courses were extremely valuable to local government and that the Board should continue to encourage Member authorities that they are worthwhile.
- The Chairman emphasised that it had been a record year for take up of these courses.

### **Decision**

The Improvement and Innovation Board noted the outturn figures for 2017/18 and **approved** the work plan for 2018/19.

## **4 Productivity Programme**

Cllr Ron Woodley introduced the report providing the Board with both a high level summary of the key deliverables during 2017/18 and the business/work plan for the productivity team for 2018/19. Cllr Woodley also explained that there had been further negotiations with civil servants regarding the concerns raised by Members at the last meeting on the digital declaration, which the Board was asked to note.

In the discussion which followed, the following points were raised;

- A view was expressed that we should continue to reflect on good use of digital technology outside of the sector.
- The importance of a digital leadership offer for the whole sector, bearing in mind the limited financial support likely to be available to individual authorities from the Digital Declaration initiative
- A view was expressed that potential savings be given greater emphasis in the report and the achievement promoted more widely
- Members of the Board expressed thanks to the work Officers had done over the course of the year.

### **Decision**

The Improvement and Innovation Board;

1. Noted the key outputs of the productivity team's programme for the financial year 2017/18.
2. **Approved** the business/work plan for the productivity team for financial year 2018/19.
3. Noted the current situation with regard to the Digital Declaration (paras 9/11).
4. Provided guidance to ensure that the programme meets its objectives in 2018/19.

## **5 Care and Health Improvement Programme 2018/19**

Andrew Hughes, Head of Care and Health Improvement Programme, introduced the report giving an overview of the Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) priorities and key activities for 2018/19. He summarised CHIP priorities for 2018/19 as risks and resources, care market quality and sustainability, as well as sustainable and integrated care and health systems. He emphasised that there would be specific work around the Better Care Fund and digital innovations, including assisted technology.

Andrew also brought the Board's attention to CHIP's work with Councils to prepare them for the possibility of providers going out of business, and supporting local authorities with financial risks around this. He also highlighted that CHIP would continue to work with local authorities with delayed transfers of care.

In the discussion which followed, the following points were raised;

- A view was expressed that further information on the impact of leaving the European Union on the social care workforce would be valuable.
- The importance of upskilling staff in social care was also highlighted.
- In response to a concern raised as to how delayed transfers of care were being reported, Andrew Hughes reassured the Board that CHIP were aware and ensuring they are prepared to counter this.
- A view was expressed that local government needed to continue to come up with new ways to interact with the care market.

#### **Decision**

The Improvement and Innovation Board noted the agreed priorities for the Care and Health Improvement Programme and the high level activities that will be delivered for 2018/19.

### **6 Improvement and Innovation Board: end of year report**

The Chairman introduced the end of year report looking at the key Board achievements of the year and congratulated the Improvement and Innovation Board Members on a successful year.

#### **Decision**

The Improvement and Innovation Board noted the activities and achievements for 2017/18.

### **7 Note of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, with the addition of Cllr Ian McCord.

### **8 Confidential - National Graduate Development Programme (ngdp)**

Will Brooks, Principal Adviser, introduced a report focusing on the following aspects of the national graduate development programme (NGDP); the annual fee increase and funding options for the future and the potential of changing the name of NGDP.

A confidential discussion with the Board followed.

## 9 Confidential - Note of the Previous Meeting

The confidential Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Paul Bettison OBE	Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Vice-Chairman	Mayor Dave Hodgson MBE	Bedford Borough Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Judi Billing MBE Cllr Ron Woodley	North Hertfordshire District Council Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Members	Cllr Janet Blake Cllr Peter Fleming OBE Cllr Angelique Foster Cllr Catherine Rankin Cllr Barry Wood Cllr Laura Miller Cllr Joy Allen Cllr Tudor Evans OBE Cllr Abdul Jabbar MBE Cllr Sue Woodward Cllr Liz Green  Cllr Glen Sanderson JP Sir Stephen Houghton CBE Mr Richard Priestman	Aylesbury Vale District Council Sevenoaks District Council Derbyshire County Council Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Cherwell District Council Purbeck District Council Durham County Council Plymouth City Council Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council Staffordshire County Council Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council Northumberland Council Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Local Government Improvement and Development
Apologies	Cllr James Jamieson Cllr Phil Davies Mr Philip Sellwood	Central Bedfordshire Council Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council Energy Saving Trust (EST)