

Note of last LGA Executive meeting

Title:	LGA Executive
Date:	Thursday 18 July 2019
Venue:	Westminster Room, 8th Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Declarations of Interest The Chairman congratulated the new Vice-Chair and Deputy Chairs of the LGA for their appointment for the 2019/20 meeting year. The Chairman also expressed his thanks to officers of the LGA for a successful LGA Conference. The Chairman noted apologies from the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr David Finch (Con)• Cllr Stephen Houghton CBE (Lab)• Sir Richard Leese (Lab)• Cllr Lucy Nethsingha (LD)• Cllr Roy Perry (Con)• Cllr Martin Tett (Con)• Cllr Anne Western CBE (Lab)• Cllr Philip Atkins (Con)• Cllr David Simmonds CBE (Con) There were no declarations of interest.	
2	Brexit The Chairman welcomed Cllr Kevin Bentley, Chairman of the LGA Brexit Taskforce, who updated the Executive on the LGA's work in preparing for Brexit. He informed members that he would be meeting the Secretary of State (confirm) after the meeting and would again confirm that local government was as prepared as it could be for Brexit. He would continue to press for clarification on the resources available and regulations applicable to local authorities, in particular under a No Deal scenario and to emphasise the importance of devolving powers, responsibilities and funding from Brussels to councils.	

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	<p>In the conversation that followed, the following points were raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bentley confirmed that he would continue to push for formal recognition that local government should have a direct say on changes that impact them directly, such as changes to city regions. • In response to a query from Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Cllr Bentley agreed to raise a specific issue regarding planning permission in Portsmouth with the Secretary of State. • In response to a question from Cllr Debbie Wilcox, Cllr Bentley confirmed that local government from the devolved nations was also represented in discussions with the Secretary of State. He emphasised that UK local government as a whole speaks as one voice in these matters. • Cllr Bentley emphasised that he would continue to push for clarity so that Councils could plan their budgets accordingly. Concerns were raised as to the impact that could have on local authorities, their local residents and their staff. <p>Decision</p> <p>The LGA Executive noted the update from Cllr Bentley.</p>	
3	<p>Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>The Chairman introduced the item which set out the work being undertaken to develop a draft LGA work programme following the amended motion on the UN Sustainable Development Goals agreed at General Assembly. He explained that a Member-led sounding board would lead on this work and report to the Leadership Board and LGA Executive in September.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The LGA Executive noted the actions proposed in the paper, and commissioned a full report to be brought to its September meeting.</p> <p>Action</p> <p>A full report on the UN Sustainable Development Goals to be brought to the September meeting of LGA Executive.</p>	
4	<p>Business Rates Retention and Fair funding</p> <p>Cllr Richard Watts, Chair of the Resources Board, introduced the report providing a summary of progress on the Fair Funding Review and Business Rates Retention work programmes since the last meeting. With</p>	

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	<p>regard to formula to be used for fire and rescue service, he explained the view of the Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding Task and Finish Group was that a simplistic formula would not accurately reflect the specific service needs of fire and rescue services, but recognised there is not enough time to build a new more sophisticated formula. Therefore the Task and Finish Group had supported calling on the Government to refresh the data in the old formula in the short term, and commission a full, new formula immediately. He explained the Leadership Board had agreed with the Task and Finish Group's recommendation on the Fire and Rescue Formula as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The LGA Executive endorsed the LGA policy position on the fire and rescue services' relative needs formula (paragraphs 8-10).</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Officers will proceed with the delivery of the LGA work programme on Further Business Rates Retention and the Fair Funding Review as directed by the LGA Leadership Board and supported by the Executive and the Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding Review Task and Finish Group.</p>	
5	LGA Boards: Annual Review of the Year	
	<p>The Executive noted the Boards' achievements on the 2018/19 meeting year.</p>	
6	Children & Young People	
	<p>a) City Regions</p> <p>b) Community Wellbeing Board</p> <p>c) Culture, Tourism and Sport</p> <p>d) Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport</p>	
7	Improvement & Innovation	
8	People and Places	
9	Resources	
10	Safer & Stronger Communities	

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11	Note of the last Leadership Board meeting - Tabled	
	The LGA Leadership Board agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 July.	
12	Note of last LGA Executive meeting	
	The LGA Executive agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 June.	
13	2019 Spending Review - Update	
	Cllr Richard Watts, Chair of the Resources Board, report provides an update on the LGA's planned activity ahead of the 2019 Spending Review. A confidential discussion followed.	

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Cllr James Jamieson (Chairman)		Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Vice Chairman)		Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Howard Sykes MBE (Vice-Chair)		Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice-Chair)		Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr John Fuller OBE		South Norfolk District Council
Cllr Robert Alden		Birmingham City Council
Cllr Peter Fleming OBE		Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE		Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Ian Hudspeth		Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Nick Forbes CBE		Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr Peter Box CBE		Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Michael Payne		Gedling Borough Council
Cllr Anntoinette Bramble		Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr Simon Blackburn		Blackpool Council
Cllr Richard Watts		Islington Council
Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE		Sutton London Borough Council
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE		Portsmouth City Council
Cllr Clive Woodbridge		Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Cllr Simon Henig CBE		Association of North East Councils
Cllr Michael Wilcox		West Midlands LGA
Cllr Debbie Wilcox		Newport City Council

Apologies: Cllr David Simmonds CBE Hillingdon London Borough Council

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	<p>Cllr Martin Tett</p> <p>Cllr Anne Western CBE</p> <p>Sir Richard Leese CBE</p> <p>Cllr Rishi Shori</p> <p>Cllr Lucy Nethsingha</p> <p>Cllr David Finch</p> <p>Cllr Barry Lewis</p> <p>Cllr Roy Perry</p> <p>Sir Stephen Houghton CBE</p> <p>Cllr Philip Atkins OBE</p> <p>Alderman Sir David Wootton</p>	<p>Buckinghamshire County Council</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council</p> <p>Manchester City Council and City Regions Board</p> <p>Bury Metropolitan Borough Council</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Council</p> <p>Essex County Council</p> <p>Derbyshire County Council</p> <p>Hampshire County Council</p> <p>SIGOMA</p> <p>County Councils Network (CCN)</p> <p>Local Partnerships</p>

In Attendance:

LGA Officers: