

# LGA Executive

## Agenda

**Thursday, 12 September 2019**  
**2.15 pm**

Westminster Room, 8th Floor, 18 Smith  
Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

**To:** Members of the LGA Executive  
**cc:** Named officers for briefing purposes

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<b>Independent:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3224	email: <a href="mailto:independent.grouplga@local.gov.uk">independent.grouplga@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Liberal Democrat:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3235	email: <a href="mailto:libdem@local.gov.uk">libdem@local.gov.uk</a>

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## LGA Executive – Membership 2019/2020

Councillor and Role	Authority
<b>Conservative 9</b>	
Cllr James Jamieson (Chairman)	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Vice Chairman)	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr John Fuller OBE (Deputy Chairman)	South Norfolk District Council
Cllr David Simmonds CBE (Deputy Chairman)	Hillingdon London Borough Council
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Cllr Peter Fleming OBE (Board Chair)	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Board Chair)	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr David Renard (Board Chair)	Swindon Borough Council
Cllr Kevin Bentley (Board Chair)	Essex County Council
<b>Labour 9</b>	
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Sir Richard Leese CBE (Board Chair)	Manchester City Council and City Regions Board
Cllr Richard Watts (Board Chair)	Islington Council
Cllr Judith Blake CBE (Board Chair)	Leeds City Council
<b>Liberal Democrat 5</b>	
Cllr Howard Sykes MBE (Vice-Chair)	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Deputy Chair)	Sutton London Borough Council
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (Board Chair)	Portsmouth City Council
Vacancy – TBC (Balancing	

Member)	
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<b>Independent 4</b>	
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice-Chair)	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Clive Woodbridge (Deputy Chair)	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Cllr Rosemarie Harris (Balancing Member)	Powys County Council
Cllr Paul Woodhead (Balancing Member)	Cannock Chase District Council

<b>Regional Representatives 10</b>	
Cllr David Finch	CON East of England LGA (EELGA)
Cllr Simon Henig CBE	LAB North East
Cllr John Hart	CON South West Councils
Cllr Peter John OBE	LAB London Councils'
Cllr Nicholas Rushton	CON East Midlands Councils
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Cllr Roy Perry	CON South East England Councils (SEEC)
Vacancy - TBC	CON West Midlands LGA
Cllr Debbie Wilcox	LAB Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)
<b>Named Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Ralph Bagge	CON South East England Councils (SEEC)

### Non-voting Members of LGA Executive

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	LAB SIGOMA
Cllr David Williams	CON County Councils Network (CCN)
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## **Membership, Terms of Reference and Appointments to the LGA's Governance Structures for 2019/2020**

### **Purpose of report**

For information.

### **Summary**

The LGA Executive is asked to note its Membership and Terms of Reference for 2019/20.

The Executive's Membership (**Appendix A**) and Terms of Reference (**Appendix B**) are attached to this report for noting.

For information, a list of appointments to the LGA's Boards for 2019/20 is set out at **Appendix C**.

### **Recommendations**

That the LGA Executive notes:

1. The Executive's membership for 2019/20.
2. The Executive's Terms of Reference.
3. Appointments to the LGA's governance structures for 2019/20.

### **Action**

No further action necessary.

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**Appendix A****LGA Executive – Membership 2019/2020**

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## **Appendix B**

### **LGA Executive: Terms of Reference**

Provides strategic direction to the work of the Local Government Association and a mechanism to listen and influence national government legislation and public opinion. It supports councils and councillors to serve their communities in the best ways possible and is responsible for:

1. Ensuring that the LGA is focused on serving councils and councillors across England and Wales
2. Maintaining strong links with the sector, including through the sub-national groupings of councils, to ensure LGA priorities are based on the views of members and member councils.
3. Agreeing the LGA's vision and priorities through the LGA business plan, taking advice from the LGA Leadership Board.
4. Determining LGA policy for cross-cutting policy issues, including the localism agenda.
5. Holding the Boards to account and providing a steer on complex policy issues.
6. Setting the annual LGA budget and subscriptions, taking advice from the Leadership Board.
7. Appointing members to relevant European and International Bodies in accordance with the LGA's Political Conventions.
8. Co-ordinating growth and transport policy on the advice of City Regions, People & Places and Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Boards.
9. Determining finance and workforce policy on the advice of the Resources Portfolio.
10. Maintaining corporate oversight of equalities issues across the LGA.

The Executive can allocate responsibility to one or more of its members for particular areas within its remit and/or establish member task groups.

It can invite Chairs of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to attend meetings.

#### **Quorum**

One third of the members, provided that representatives of at least 2 political groups represented on the body are present.

#### **Political Composition**

Conservative group: 14 members

Labour group:	14 members
Liberal Democrat group:	5 members
Independent group:	4 members

Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

### **Frequency per year**

Seven meetings to be held per year.

### **Reporting Accountabilities**

The LGA Executive provides strategic direction to the work of the LGA, having regard to any advice from the Leadership Board.

30 August 2019

## Appendix C

### Appointments to LGA Governance Structures 2019/20

#### Board of Directors of the Local Government Association (The Leadership Board)

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (5)</b>	
Cllr James Jamieson (Chairman)	Central Bedfordshire Council
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Cllr Anntoinette Bramble (Deputy Chair) *	Hackney London Borough Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (2)</b>	
Cllr Howard Sykes MBE (Vice-Chair)	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Ruth Dombey OBE (Deputy Chair)	Sutton London Borough Council
<b>Independent (2)</b>	
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice-Chair)	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Clive Woodbridge (Deputy Chair)	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

## Children & Young People Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (7)</b>	
Cllr Teresa Heritage (Vice Chairman) *	Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr Susie Charles	Lancashire County Council
Cllr Matthew Golby	Northamptonshire County Council
Cllr Roger Gough	Kent County Council
Cllr Dick Madden	Essex County Council
Cllr Laura Mayes	Wiltshire Council
Cllr Patricia Anne Bradwell OBE *	Lincolnshire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr James Hockney *	London Borough of Enfield
Cllr Warren Whyte *	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr Mark Sutton *	Staffordshire County Council
<b>Labour (7)</b>	
Cllr Judith Blake CBE (Chair) *	Leeds City Council
Cllr Rachel Eden *	Reading Borough Council
Cllr Sara Rowbotham *	Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr James Beckles *	Newham London Borough Council
Cllr Imran Khan	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Alisa Fleming *	London Borough of Croydon
Cllr Lesley Williams MBE *	Gloucestershire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Georgia Gould *	Camden Council
Cllr Helen Godwin *	Bristol City Council
Cllr Abdul Jabbar MBE *	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (2)</b>	
Cllr Mark Cory (Deputy Chair) *	Colchester Borough Council
Cllr Nick Cott *	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
<b>Independent (2)</b>	
Cllr Julie Fallon (Deputy Chair)	Conwy County Borough Council
Cllr Judy Jennings *	Epping Forest District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Kevin Etheridge *	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Julian Dean *	Shropshire Council

\* Newly appointed to this governance structure for 2019/20 meeting year.



## City Regions Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (5)</b>	
Cllr Abi Brown (Vice-Chair)	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Cllr Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Donna Jones JP	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr Joanne Laban *	Enfield Council
Cllr Toby Savage *	South Gloucestershire Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Barry Anderson	Leeds City Council
Cllr Daniel Fitzhenry *	Southampton City Council
Cllr Julia Lepoidevin *	Coventry City Council
<b>Labour (14)</b>	
Sir Richard Leese CBE (Chair)	Manchester City Council
Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe (Vice-Chair)	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Mayor Joe Anderson OBE	Liverpool City Council
Cllr Shaun Davies *	Telford and Wrekin Council
Cllr Martin Gannon	Gateshead Council
Mayor Marvin Rees	Bristol City Council
Cllr Julie Dore *	Sheffield City Council
Cllr Debbie Wilcox	Newport City Council
Cllr Peter John OBE	Southwark Council
Cllr Timothy Swift MBE	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Danny Thorpe *	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Cllr David Mellen *	Nottingham City Council
Cllr Sean Fielding *	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Shama Tatler *	Brent Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr James Swindlehurst *	Slough Borough Council
Cllr Jason Brock *	Reading Borough Council
Cllr Iain Malcolm *	South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Graeme Miller *	Sunderland City Council
Cllr James Robbins *	Swindon Borough Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (2)</b>	
Cllr Anita Lower (Deputy Chair) *	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr Gareth Roberts *	Richmond upon Thames London Borough Council
<b>Independent (1)</b>	
Gillian Ford (Deputy Chair) *	Havering London Borough Council

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## Community Wellbeing Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (7)</b>	
Cllr Ian Hudspeth (Chairman)	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr David Fothergill *	Somerset County Council
Cllr Adrian Hardman *	Worcestershire County Council
Cllr Colin Noble	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Jonathan Owen *	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Cllr Judith Wallace *	North Tyneside Council
Cllr Sue Woolley	Lincolnshire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr David Coppinger *	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald	Peterborough City Council
Cllr Arnold Saunders *	Salford City Council
<b>Labour (7)</b>	
Cllr Paulette Hamilton (Vice-Chair)	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Helen Holland	Bristol City Council
Cllr Arooj Shah *	Oldham MBC
Cllr Shabir Pandor	Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Cllr Natasa Pantelic *	Slough Borough Council
Cllr Amy Cross *	Blackpool Council
Cllr Denise Scott-McDonald	Royal Borough of Greenwich
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Mohammed Iqbal	Pendle Borough Council
Cllr Bob Cook *	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Cllr Edward Davie *	Lambeth London Borough Council
<b>Liberal Democrat ( 2)</b>	
Cllr Richard Kemp CBE (Deputy Chair)	Liverpool City Council
Cllr Doreen Huddart	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Carl Quilliam *	London Borough of Merton
<b>Independent ( 2)</b>	
Cllr Claire Wright (Deputy Chair)	Devon County Council
Cllr Neil Burden	Cornwall Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr David Beaman *	Waverley Borough Council
Cllr Tim Hodgson *	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

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## Culture, Tourism & Sport Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (7)</b>	
Cllr Peter Golds CBE (Deputy Chair)	Tower Hamlets London Borough Council
Cllr Derek Bastiman *	Scarborough Borough Council
Cllr Matthew Lee	South Kesteven District Council
Cllr Catherine Horner *	Northumberland County Council
Cllr Barry Lewis	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Phil Seeva	Cornwall Council
Cllr Nick Worth *	South Holland District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr David Jeffels	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Colin Morgan *	Daventry District Council
Cllr Karen Rampton *	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
<b>Labour (7)</b>	
Cllr Clare Coghill (Deputy Chair)*	Waltham Forest London Borough Council
Cllr Peter Kelly *	Preston City Council
Cllr Brigid Jones	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Richard Henry	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr Muhammed Butt	Brent Council
Cllr Dhanisha Patel	Bridgend County Borough Council
Cllr Jane Black *	Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Guy Nicholson	Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr Danny Myers *	City of York Council
Cllr Jacqueline Burnett *	Luton Borough Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (2)</b>	
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Chair)	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr Chris White *	Hertfordshire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Chris Hogg *	South Lakeland District Council
<b>Independent (2)</b>	
Cllr Julian German (Vice-Chair)	Cornwall Council
Cllr Tom Hollis	Nottinghamshire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Sean Macleod *	Lewes District Council

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## Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (7)</b>	
Cllr David Renard (Chairman)	Swindon Borough Council
Cllr Peter Butlin *	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr Mark Crane *	Selby District Council
Cllr Simon Dudley *	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE *	Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Patrick Nicholson *	Plymouth City Council
Cllr Nicholas Rushton *	Leicestershire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Sean Anstee CBE *	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Richard Burton *	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Cllr Catherine Rankin	Kent County Council
Cllr Linda Taylor *	Cornwall Council
<b>Labour (7)</b>	
Cllr Darren Rodwell (Vice-Chair) *	Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council
Cllr Amanda Serjeant *	Chesterfield Borough Council
Mayor Philip Glanville	Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr Ed Turner	Oxford City Council
Cllr Rachel Blake	Tower Hamlets Council
Cllr Michael Mordey	Sunderland City Council
Cllr Christopher Hammond *	Southampton City Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Tom Hayes *	Oxford City Council
Cllr Peter Mason	Ealing Council
Cllr Johnson Situ *	Southwark Council
<b>Liberal Democrat ( 2)</b>	
Cllr Adele Morris (Deputy Chair)	Southwark Council
Cllr Peter Thornton	Cumbria County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Stewart Golton	Leeds City Council
<b>Independent ( 2)</b>	
Cllr Linda Gillham (Deputy Chair)	Runnymede Borough Council
Cllr David Beaman	Waverley Borough Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Loic Rich *	Cornwall Council
Cllr Diana Moore *	Exeter City Council
Cllr Tim Hodgson *	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

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## Fire Services Management Committee

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (5)</b>	
Cllr Nick Chard (Deputy Chair)	Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority
Cllr Eric Carter	Telford and Wrekin Council
Cllr Mark Healey MBE	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Cllr Rebecca Knox	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr David Norman MBE	Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr David Cannon	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Cllr Colin Spence	Suffolk County Council
<b>Labour (5)</b>	
Ms Fiona Twycross AM (Vice-Chair)	Greater London Authority
Cllr Nikki Hennessy	Lancashire County Council
Cllr Karen Kilgour *	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr Les Byrom CBE	Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority
Cllr Carole Burdis *	North Tyneside Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr John Robinson JP	Durham County Council
Cllr Greg Brackenridge *	City of Wolverhampton Council
Cllr Richard Chattaway *	Warwickshire County Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (2)</b>	
Cllr Keith Aspden (Deputy Chair)	North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Cllr Carolyn Lambert *	Essex County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Roger Price *	Hampshire County Council
<b>Independent (2)</b>	
Cllr Ian Stephens (Chair)	Isle of Wight Council
Cllr Cleo Lake *	Bristol City Council

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## Improvement & Innovation Board

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Cllr Peter Fleming OBE (Chairman)	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Philip Broadhead *	Bournemouth Borough Council
Cllr Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Wokingham Borough Council
Cllr Carl Les *	North Yorkshire County Council
Cllr Laura Miller	Dorset Council
Cllr Damian White	Havering London Borough Council
Cllr Phil North	Test Valley Borough Council
Lord Porter of Spalding CBE (Observer) *	South Holland District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Kelham Cooke	South Kesteven District Council
Cllr Rory Love OBE *	Kent County Council
Cllr Phil Murphy *	Monmouthshire County Council
<b>Labour (8)</b>	
Cllr Judi Billing MBE (Deputy Chair)	North Hertfordshire District Council
Cllr Alice Perry	Islington Council
Cllr Joy Allen	Durham County Council
Cllr Asma Begum *	Tower Hamlets Council
Cllr Vince Maple	Medway Council
Cllr Rebecca Lury *	Southwark Council
Cllr Andrew Western *	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE (Observer)	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Miranda Williams *	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Cllr Oliver Ryan *	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Tom Coole *	Gloucester City Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (3)</b>	
Cllr Liz Green (Vice-Chair)	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Mayor Dave Hodgson MBE	Bedford Borough Council
Cllr Alan Connett (Observer)	Teignbridge District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Caroline Leaver *	North Devon Council
<b>Independent (3)</b>	
Cllr Neil Prior (Deputy Chair)	Pembrokeshire County Council
Cllr Wayne Davies *	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Cllr Mike Haines (Observer)	Teignbridge District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Alex Coley *	Epsom & Ewell Council
Cllr Jo Beavis *	Braintree District Council

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## People & Places Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (12)</b>	
Cllr Kevin Bentley (Chairman) *	Essex County Council
Cllr Morris Bright MBE (Vice Chairman) *	Hertsmere Borough Council
Cllr Rachel Bailey *	Cheshire East Council
Cllr Marc Bayliss *	Worcester City Council
Cllr Hilary Carrick *	Cumbria County Council
Cllr Neil Clarke MBE *	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Cllr Keith Glazier	East Sussex County Council
Cllr Diane Marsh *	Gravesham Borough Council
Cllr Eddie Reeves *	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Martin Tett *	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr Bradley Thomas *	Wychavon District Council
Cllr Rob Waltham MBE	North Lincolnshire Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Jane Murphy *	South Oxfordshire District Council
Cllr Christian Wakeford *	Pendle Borough Council
Cllr Barry Wood *	Cherwell District Council
<b>Labour (5)</b>	
Cllr Simon Henig CBE (Vice-Chair)	Durham County Council
Cllr Sue Woodward	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Leigh Redman	Somerset County Council
Cllr Kyle Robinson *	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Doina Cornell *	Stroud District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Alan Waters	Norwich City Council
Cllr Peter Moss *	Preston City Council
Cllr Rosanne Kirk	Lincoln City Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (3)</b>	
Cllr Heather Kidd (Deputy Chair)	Shropshire Council
Cllr Sarah Osborne	Lewes District Council
Cllr Karen Ward *	North Norfolk District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Stan Collins	South Lakeland District Council
<b>Independent (2)</b>	
Cllr Bob Jennings (Deputy Chair)	Epping Forest District Council
Cllr Helen Grant	Richmondshire District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Kevin Etheridge *	Caerphilly County Borough Council

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## Resources Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (7)</b>	
Cllr Tim Oliver (Vice Chairman) *	Surrey County Council
Cllr Philip Atkins	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr David Finch	Essex County Council
Cllr Daniel Humphreys *	Worthing Borough Council
Cllr Peter Jackson *	Northumberland Council
Cllr Roger Phillips	Herefordshire Council
Cllr Richard Wenham	Central Bedfordshire Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Andrew Leadbetter	Devon County Council
Cllr David Leaf *	Bexley Council
Cllr Byron Rhodes	Leicestershire County Council
<b>Labour (7)</b>	
Cllr Richard Watts (Chair)	Islington Council
Cllr Tudor Evans OBE *	Plymouth City Council
Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE *	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr Tony Newman *	Croydon Council
Cllr Tom Beattie	Corby Borough Council
Cllr Peter Marland	Milton Keynes Council
Cllr Sue Murphy CBE	Manchester City Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Terry Paul *	Newham London Borough Council
Cllr Erica Lewis *	Lancaster City Council
Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (2)</b>	
Cllr Keith House (Deputy Chair) *	Eastleigh Borough Council
Cllr Adam Paynter	Cornwall Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Mike Bell *	North Somerset Council
<b>Independent (2)</b>	
Cllr Jason Zdrozny (Deputy Chair) *	Ashfield District Council
Cllr Phelim MacCafferty *	Brighton & Hove City Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Loic Rich *	Cornwall Council

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## Safer & Stronger Communities Board

Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative (7)</b>	
Cllr Katrina Wood (Vice Chairman)	Wycombe District Council
Cllr Jason Ablewhite *	Huntingdonshire District Council
Cllr Eric Allen	Sutton London Borough Council
Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
Cllr Andrew Joy *	Hampshire County Council
Cllr John Pennington	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Dave Stewart *	Isle of Wight Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Richard Auger *	Daventry District Council
Cllr James Gartside *	Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Lois Samuel *	West Devon Borough Council
<b>Labour (7)</b>	
Cllr Simon Blackburn (Chair)	Blackpool Council
Cllr Kate Haigh	Gloucester City Council
Cllr Alan Rhodes	Nottinghamshire County Council
Cllr Jim Beall	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Cllr James Dawson	Erewash Borough Council
Cllr Farah Hussain	Redbridge London Borough Council
Cllr Claudia Webbe	Islington Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Daniel Francis *	Bexley Council
Cllr Clive Johnson *	Medway Council
Cllr Tim Roca *	Westminster City Council
<b>Liberal Democrat (2)</b>	
Cllr Bridget Smith (Deputy Chair) *	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Jeremy Hilton	Gloucestershire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Jon Ball *	Ealing Council
<b>Independent (2)</b>	
Cllr Hannah Dalton (Deputy Chair)	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Cllr Philip Evans JP *	Conwy County Borough Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Jo Beavis *	Braintree District Council
Cllr Helen-Ann Smith *	Ashfield District Council

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## **Local Government preparedness for Brexit**

### **Purpose of report**

For discussion.

### **Summary**

This report updates members of the LGA Executive on the work that the LGA has been undertaking to support councils on work related to Britain's exit from the EU.

#### **Recommendations**

That the members of the LGA Executive consider the report and raise any other issues that need to be captured in our Brexit work.

#### **Action**

Officers to take forward any actions identified.

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## **Local Government preparedness for Brexit**

### **Background**

1. This report sets out the headlines of local government preparedness for Brexit. It reviews the work that has been undertaken and anticipates the key issues.
2. The report sets out:
  - 2.1. Summer Brexit preparations update;
  - 2.2. The LGA's work to date;
  - 2.3. The LGA's role in Brexit preparedness;
  - 2.4. Current issues.

### **Summer Brexit preparations update**

3. Since the new Government has taken office, there has been a new central planning assumption to direct Whitehall's work which is to prepare for No Deal. This has been communicated to councils. After his appointment, the new Secretary of State, Robert Jenrick MP, called an immediate EU Exit Ministerial Delivery Board at the end of July. This provided members of the LGA Brexit Taskforce with an opportunity to raise a number of Brexit related issues, including the immediate risks and the longer term opportunities that Brexit will bring.

In August, the Secretary of State outlined that £20 million will be allocated to councils to support Brexit preparations and that each council was invited to nominate a Brexit lead who will coordinate information with MHCLG. He also held a Webinar on 13 August where over 300 council leaders, chief executives and Brexit leads heard him outline some of the key issues the Government will be addressing.

4. As we head into the autumn, the preparations are likely to speed up and the recommencement of the weekly key issue reporting from councils through the nine chief executives network. This is the opportunity to ensure that councils' risks and opportunities remain clear.

### **The LGA's work to date**

5. Since the referendum, the LGA has remained neutral on the UK's membership of the EU. This has allowed us to put forward the risks and opportunities councils have told us that national Brexit planning should be addressing.

6. Through the LGA's cross-party Brexit Taskforce and their membership of the EU Exit Ministerial Delivery, members have been raising councils concerns to ministers. This has resulted in a number of successes, including a Government guarantee for EU funding in a "no deal" scenario and the agreement for a central communications hub for local government.
7. Through the LGA and information coordinated by the nine regional Chief Executives, we have provided Government with clarity of issues for councils and have successfully put these issues on the national agenda. Where we have not been able to resolve issues, concerns have been clearly on the record.

#### **LGA's role in Brexit Preparations to October**

8. As we approach the 31 October, the demands on councils are likely to increase. In terms of the LGA role, we will be prioritising the Government facing work helping to confirm LA priorities, risks and opportunities and trying to ensure that Government communications are coordinated at place. Key issues that the LGA can support councils by working closely with Whitehall to resolve include:
  - 8.1. Ensuring the councils have the right information and resources to prepare;
  - 8.2. Making sure the advice is relevant to local places, considering delivery and training needs; and
  - 8.3. Highlighting gaps in formation or the unintended consequences of national policy.
9. Our role with Government and Parliament has helped to establish that councils are as prepared as they can be, whilst being clear about the resource and information gaps that councils are facing.
10. We are focusing our work on issues where further national advice is needed in preparing for the UK's immediate exit from the EU. These include:
  - 10.1. Regulatory services
  - 10.2. Ports of entry
  - 10.3. Business support and ability to react to economic shocks and opportunities
  - 10.4. Community cohesion
  - 10.5. Procurement
  - 10.6. UK Shared Prosperity Fund
  - 10.7. EU Settlement Scheme – particularly vulnerable children and adults
  - 10.8. Impact on councils to changes in UK/EU migration policy – particularly adult social care
  - 10.9. Food distribution
  - 10.10. Data.

11. The LGA will also continue to promote the longer term opportunities from Brexit and the need to progress these issues in the short term. These include:

- 11.1. Funding and Growth
- 11.2. Devolution and reform of EU laws
- 11.3. Local authority rights to influence future laws
- 11.4. Skills
- 11.5. Trade.

12. We will continue to monitor and assess how councils are getting advice to ensure that they are best prepared for the UK's exit from the EU.

### **Current Issues**

13. The issues that arise in preparing for Brexit are constantly changing. Therefore, a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

### **Implications for Wales**

14. We continue to develop our work on Brexit in partnership with the Welsh Local Government Association, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and Northern Ireland Local Government Association, ensuring a united UK local government voice in the debate.

### **Next Steps**

16. That the members of the LGA Executive consider the report and raise any other issues that need to be captured in our Brexit work.

## **Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding Review Update**

### **Purpose of report**

For direction.

### **Summary**

This report provides a summary of progress on the Fair Funding Review and Business Rates Retention work programmes since the last meetings of Leadership Board and Executive.

#### **Recommendations**

That members note the progress update, including the announcement by the Secretary of State that implementation of further business rates retention and the Fair Funding review will be delayed until 2021/22.

#### **Action**

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, Executive and the Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding Review Task and Finish Group.

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## **Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding Review Update**

### **Background**

1. This report provides a summary of progress on the Review of Relative Needs and Resources (commonly called the Fair Funding Review) and Business Rates Retention work programmes since the last meetings of Leadership Board and Executive.
2. Members of Leadership Board and Executive have previously agreed deliverables of an expanded LGA work programme on business rates retention and the Fair Funding Review as set out in Appendix A. The programme is almost complete but will be kept under review as MHCLG work on these policies progress.

### **Relevant Announcements in the 2019 Spending Round**

3. In letters to the Chancellor and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, in advance of the 2019 Spending Round (further information on these letters can be found in the item on the 2019 Spending Round and 2020 Spending Review), the LGA Chairman asked for urgent clarity on when further business rates retention and the outcome of the Fair Funding Review would be implemented. In a letter sent to Leaders and Chief Executives on the day of the 2020 Spending Round announcement, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government confirmed a decision has been taken to delay the implementation of both reforms until 2021/22.
4. In our [on the day briefing on the 2019 Spending Round](#) we welcomed the clarification on the timing of the implementation of the reforms as it will allow time for the remaining decisions over the design of the reforms to be made by the Government including consultation with local authorities. We also asked for:
  - 4.1. the Government to commit to removing the impact of appeals on local authorities as part of the reforms;
  - 4.2. exemplifications of what the reforms mean for individual local authorities as soon as possible to enable authorities to effectively plan for the changes;
  - 4.3. Appropriate transition mechanisms to be put in place to avoid unsustainable shocks to any one local authority to ensure that no council sees their funding reduce.
5. We will continue to work with MHCLG and local authorities on these reforms.



6. Officers understand from MHCLG that the 100 per cent business rates retention pilots which had ratified devolution deals (Cornwall, Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region West of England, West Midlands) and were introduced in 2017/18, will continue in 2020/21. The 2019/20 75 per cent business rates retention pilots which were a one year exercise will not continue in 2020/21.

#### **Alternative model of administration of business rates retention**

7. Discussions with MHCLG on the development of the alternative administration model of business rates retention have been continuing in joint meetings of the Systems Design and Implementation Working Groups. Papers from the August meeting of the group can be found on the [LGA website](#) and include:
  - 7.1. The impact of a 2021 revaluation, and once every three years after that, on the alternative model.
  - 7.2. The relationship between growth and the Collection Fund (the statutory account through which the local authority collects business rates and distributes it to itself, preceptors and the government).
  - 7.3. How to adjust for business rate reliefs in the alternative model if VOA data is used to set the business rate baseline.

#### **Review of relative needs and resources**

8. There have been no meetings of the Business Rates Retention Steering Group, or the Technical Working Group on Needs and Redistribution, since the July 2019 meetings of LGA Leadership Board and Executive.
9. At the last meetings of Leadership Board and Executive we reported that the Government has been working on new Area Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors which are intended to compensate authorities for the additional costs of delivering services in some areas. In the past these additional costs have related to salary and business rates costs. Going forward, the refreshed ACAs will also be the primary way the Government will try to reflect the sparsity and density of local areas, particularly through journey time measurements and measurements of distance of postcodes from major town hubs.
10. A detailed paper on the Government's work on ACAs was discussed with the LGA's Task and Finish Group on Business Rates Retention and the Fair Funding Review at its July meeting. Members of the Task and Finish Group requested some additional analysis. Following this step, a full update will be provided to future meetings of Leadership Board and Executive.

**Next steps**

11. Members are asked to note this update paper.
12. Officers will proceed with the delivery of the LGA work programme on Business Rates Retention and the Fair Funding Review as directed by the LGA Leadership Board, Executive and the Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding Review Task and Finish Group.

**Implications for Wales**

13. Local government funding is a devolved matter and business rates retention and the Fair Funding Review policies are limited to English local authorities.

**Financial Implications**

14. This is part of the LGA's core programme of work and as such has been budgeted for in core work programme budgets.

## Appendix A. High-level progress update on the LGA Fair Funding Review and Business Rates Retention work programme

Project	Purpose and description	Quick update
<b>Criteria for assessing proposed distribution models and methodologies</b>	To give the LGA a structured and consistent way to assess new distribution models.	<a href="#">Complete</a>
<b>Formula grant: update the data</b>	<p>Update the data in the current distribution model (where updated data is available) to see the impact of this on individual allocations separate to any methodology changes. In effect this would provide an updated baseline to inform a discussion on how long the formulae remain 'future proof' without any review of weightings.</p> <p>To help the LGA and member authorities form policy on the data used in the formulae and the frequency of distribution resets, or other ways to 'future proof' the mechanism.</p>	<a href="#">Complete</a>
<b>Distribution model: develop a distribution model</b>	A model to allow local authorities to see the impact of different key cost drivers and differential weightings. To help the LGA and member councils evaluate the impact of various Government and stakeholder proposals on their council and to allow them to put forward their own proposals	<a href="#">Complete</a>
<b>Council tax equalisation: develop a model</b>	<p>A model to identify the impact of adjustments for council tax and council tax support on individual authorities.</p> <p>To inform LGA policy and to help individual member councils evaluate Government proposals.</p>	<a href="#">Complete</a>
<b>Damping /transition mechanisms</b>	An analysis of historic damping / transition mechanisms and a model to inform discussions on the guiding principles of transition. To inform LGA and member authorities' policy.	<a href="#">Complete</a>
<b>Business Rates Retention model</b>	<p>A model to enable LGA and local authorities to assess the impact of system design choices in areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The setting of business rates baselines;</li> <li>• The extent and frequency of business rates resets;</li> <li>• Dealing with losses due to appeals;</li> <li>• The level of the safety net and how it is funded; and</li> <li>• The split of business rates income in two-tier areas.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Complete</a>
<b>Alternative Administration Model of Business Rates Retention</b>	A model to enable LGA and local authorities to assess the impact of the alternative administration of Business Rates Retention.	To be published shortly



## 2019 Spending Round and 2020 Spending Review

### Purpose of report

For direction.

### Summary

This report provides a summary of the key announcements in the 2019 Spending Round relevant to local government and gives an update on LGA activity carried out before the announcement.

### Recommendations

That members note the report.

### Action

Officers to proceed with the LGA's work programme on the 2019 Spending Round and 2020 Spending Review in accordance with the steer from Leadership Board and Executive.

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## **2019 Spending Round and 2020 Spending Review**

### **Background**

1. This report provides a summary of the key announcements in the 2019 Spending Round relevant to local government and gives an update on LGA activity carried out before the announcement.
2. Members of Leadership Board and Executive have previously agreed the key objectives and key messages of the LGA's Spending Review work programme. Leadership Board and Executive also agreed the LGA's approach to a potential one year Spending Review during their July meetings. This involved calling for all current funding streams, including one-off funding, to continue with an overall funding increase to meet inflationary and demand pressures in line with the funding gap analysis to help sustain council services until a full Spending Review.

### **LGA work ahead of the 2019 Spending Round**

3. On 8 August [the Chancellor announced](#) that the 2019 multi-year Spending Review has been delayed to 2020. Instead, a [one-year Spending Round](#), setting out day-to-day spending budgets for departments, took place on 4 September 2019. The Government did not invite submissions from external organisations as part of the Spending Round process.
4. Following the announcement, the Chairman wrote to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Secretary of State for Education on 20 August.
5. These letters reiterated:
  - 5.1. The funding gap facing local services in 2020/21. The cost pressures facing local services in 2020/21 amount to £2.6 billion. This covers forward inflation and demand pressures including a £400 million pressure to stop the high needs education deficit from rising. This is in addition to the previously unmet gap of £3.1 million which reflects current pressures on services and the adult social care market;
  - 5.2. The need for certainty over one-off funding streams, as well as wider local government finance reforms;
  - 5.3. The opportunities for investment in transformation; and

- 5.4. Other points specific to the remit of the departments (for example, the pressures related to providing education to children with special education needs and the fragility of the adult social care market).
6. The LGA also undertook further campaign activity during the second half of August, including activity to prepare for the announcement of the one year Spending Round. This included activity which highlighted a more intensive and short-term plan with slightly adjusted key messages which more closely reflected the certainty councils needed from the Spending Round.
7. This work does not replace the longer term proactive and comprehensive communications plan focussing on the [#CouncilsCan](#) narrative for the 2020 Spending Review.
8. The longer term campaign plan integrates media, public affairs, stakeholder communication, campaigns and digital work to emphasise the value of councils in improving people's lives and contributing to the national economy, highlighting the need for a multi-year, sustainable financial settlement that includes the need to find new sources of funding for adult social care.

### **The Spending Round announcements**

9. The full on-the-day briefing for the 2019 Spending Round, which provides a summary of the key announcement alongside our view on the proposals, can be found on the [LGA website](#). The LGA also issued [an on-the-day press reaction](#).
10. The key announcements of the Spending Round were:
  - 10.1. A funding package of more than £3.5 billion for council services. This is the biggest year on year real terms increase in spending power for local government in a decade. Our estimate of the additional pressures councils face in 2020/21, is £2.6 billion.
  - 10.2. £1 billion new money for social care and £700 million for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The Chancellor confirmed that existing key grants to local government will also continue next year.
  - 10.3. A proposed council tax referendum limit of two per cent which could raise £1.1 billion including increases in the tax base. The ability to levy a 2 per cent adult social care giving councils the potential to raise a further £500 million.

- 10.4. The intention to introduce 75 per cent business rates retention and the Fair Funding Review in April 2021, a delay of one year.

**The implications of the Spending Round on the Autumn Budget and the settlement**

11. The Spending Round is not the same kind of fiscal announcement as an Autumn Budget, the date of which has not yet been announced. We will discuss with members, what our approach should be to the 2019 Autumn Budget, when there is more clarity over the Autumn Budget process.
12. The announcements in the 2019 Spending Round gave local authorities some certainty of the potential outcome of the 2020/21 Local Government Finance Settlement as it was confirmed that current funding streams will continue and no methodology changes will be made to business rates retention and revenue support grant. There is still some detail to be published such as the precise amount of some grants and how some of the new money will be distributed which may be consulted on in advance of the provisional settlement.
13. The LGA will push for the Government to provide local authority-level financial data for 2020/21 as soon as possible following the 2019 Spending Round. It should be noted that this unlikely to be before the Autumn Budget, in case of any new business rates reliefs, and is also dependent on when data used in the current settlement is available. There is also likely to be a technical consultation on the 2020/21 settlement.

**Continuing LGA work on 2020 Spending Review**

14. In anticipation of a multi-year Spending Review in 2020, LGA officers are continuing the long-term Spending Review work and campaign programme. We have continued to deliver on our plan to release at least one Spending Review related item per week (either one of the products in the grid, a media release, or some other communications activity). Overall the campaign continues to be run as the Spending Review [#CouncilsCan](#) campaign which was launched earlier this year.
15. The paper approved by Leadership Board and Executive in March 2019 included a grid of policy and research work products with a connection to the Spending Review. Several of the products have already been delivered – and the timetable for many is driven externally (by consultations, government announcements and so on). This has been updated and is shown at **Appendix A**, and some highlights include:
- 15.1. “[Councils Can](#)”, a paper launched at LGA’s annual conference to set the scene for our Spending Review submission;



- 15.2. "[Profit with a purpose](#)", a paper on the social impact of council commercial activity (Profit with a purpose);
  - 15.3. "[One year on](#)", a paper to mark one year since the launch of the LGA's own green paper on the Future of Adult Social Care; and
  - 15.4. a survey of councils to gather information not published nationally on efficiencies and savings made as well the effects of funding cuts – the analysis of the results is currently being finalised.
16. In August, the Commons Select Committee for Housing, Communities and Local Government (HCLG) published the report of its [Inquiry](#) into Local Government Finance and the Spending Review, to which the LGA had contributed [written](#) and [oral](#) evidence.
17. The Committee's [report](#) "calls on the Government to provide a financial settlement that adequately supports local authorities to serve their communities and close the multi-billion gap in local authority funding." The report agreed with many of the LGA's lines and quoted our assessment of the funding gap facing councils, as did the [press release](#) accompanying the publication of the report.
18. We will continue to engage with Leadership Board and Executive on our work in advance of the 2020 Spending Review.

#### Engagement with Government and the sector

19. As reported previously to Leadership Board and Executive, the LGA and Government officials have been working together to deliver a series of themed Spending Review roundtables. The roundtables allowed senior local authority officers a chance to discuss with senior Government officials a series of topics that focus on individual service areas, in order to support and influence Government's decision making on funding for the sector.
20. All eight planned roundtables have now been held:
- 20.1. Special educational needs and disability (SEND) and schools' funding;
  - 20.2. Welfare reform and homelessness;
  - 20.3. Cross-cutting adult and children's social care issues;
  - 20.4. Prevention and early intervention;
  - 20.5. Place and Communities – two roundtables covering 'universal' services, such as cultural services, parks & leisure, as well as public transport, waste, road maintenance and business-related services;
  - 20.6. Adult social care – organised jointly with the Department for Health and Social Care; and

20.7. Children's social care – organised jointly with the Department for Education.

21. These roundtables have helped build new links and closer working relationships between Government, the LGA and local authorities ahead of the 2020 Spending Review, as well as allowing evidence to be gathered and shared with central government departments in the run up to the one year spending round.

### **Next steps**

22. Members are asked to note the report.

23. Officers to proceed with the LGA's work programme on the Autumn Budget and 2020 Spending Review in accordance with the steer from Leadership Board and Executive.

### **Implications for Wales**

24. The 2019 Spending Round, Autumn Budget and the 2020 Spending Review might include announcements that relate to Welsh local government, but the Welsh LGA takes the lead on this work. We have been, and will continue to explore, with the Welsh LGA, opportunities to work together on the Spending Review.

### **Financial Implications**

25. This is part of the LGA's core programme of work and as such has been budgeted for in 2019/20 core work programme budgets. Should the Spending Review work programme have additional budgetary implications, members of Leadership Board and Executive will be alerted and will be asked for approval where this arises.

**Appendix A - LGA's Spending Review work product grid**

Product/event	Contents	Board	Progress
<b>Products that are complete</b>			
2018 Autumn Budget submission	The LGA Autumn Budget submission called for local government to be protected as part of the Spending Review process, in the similar way that NHS funding for the next Spending Review period has been pre-guaranteed.  It included our Spending Review asks, but focussed on short-term measures and additional funding injections that cover 2019/20.	Resources Board, Leadership board and Executive	<a href="#">Complete (September 2018)</a>
'AnyCouncil'	Analysis which illustrated the financial situation of a fictional typical local authority, both today and in terms of what the future funding outlook might mean, with a focus on the impact on residents.	Resources Board, Leadership board and Executive	<a href="#">Complete (September 2018)</a>
<b>Autumn Budget on-the-day briefing</b>		<b>Chairman and Political Group Offices</b>	<a href="#">Complete (October 2018)</a>
Social housing Green Paper response	The LGA's formal response to the Government's social housing Green Paper.	Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport	<a href="#">Complete (November 2018)</a>
Adult social care Green Paper	Campaign of its own, but with strong SR links. This set out potential options for a more sustainable adult social care system, with extensive engagement throughout autumn 2018 culminating at the National Children's and Adult Services conference.	Community Wellbeing	<a href="#">Complete (November 2018)</a>
<b>2019/20 Local Government Finance Settlement (LGFS) on-the-day briefing</b>		<b>Chairman and Political Group Offices</b>	<a href="#">Complete (December 2018)</a>

Product/event	Contents	Board	Progress
High needs pupils – funding gap	An LGA-commissioned project to identify the funding gap in terms of services provided to high needs pupils. Schools spending is not covered by the current LGA funding gap analysis so the identified shortfall is additional.	Children & Young People	<a href="#">Complete (December 2018)</a>
LGA response to 2019/20 LGFS consultation	The LGA's formal response to the local government finance settlement consultation.	Resources, Leadership Board and Executive	<a href="#">Complete (January 2019)</a>
Report on impact of additional investment in social housing	Research on economic impact that further investment in social housing would have had for renters and housing benefits bill.	Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport	<a href="#">Complete (February 2019)</a>
Concessionary fares	Research to show impact of funding reductions resulting in councils needing to subsidise the statutory concessionary fares scheme by over £600 million.	Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport	<a href="#">Complete (February 2019)</a>
Local Government delivers	Publication to show success of councils in delivering public health services.	Community Wellbeing	<a href="#">Complete (February 2019)</a>

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Spring Statement letter to Chancellor	As the Government did not seek formal representations ahead of a Spring Statement, this letter offered to work jointly with HMT to build a case for local government as part of the Spending Review, and set out the most recent LGA funding gap analysis.	Chairman and Political Group Offices	Complete (February 2019)
Waste reforms	LGA response to the Government's plans to reform waste collection, disposal and recycling practices, as well as plans to charge producers for difficult-to-recycle plastic packaging.	Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport	<a href="#">Completed (May 2019)</a>
Waste reforms	LGA research on the cost implications to local authorities of the reforms	Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport	Completed (May 2019)
Education system efficiency review	An LGA-commissioned project to review the efficiency of the current multi-tier education system (DfE, council maintained schools and different types of independent schools) and compare it against other models.	Children & Young People	<a href="#">Completed (May 2019)</a>
Commercialisation publications	Evidence based paper to demonstrate the success of councils' commercial activity and investments to make the case that councils can be trusted to invest. Guidance paper for councils on social impact of commercial activity	Improvement Board	<a href="#">Paper published in time for Conference</a>

Product/event	Contents	Board	Progress
CouncilsCan Conference paper	Paper launched at LGA's annual conference setting the scene for our Spending Review submission, building on the 2019 Spending Review campaign.	Leadership Board and Executive	<a href="#">Complete</a>
Skills – Update Work Local Campaign	<a href="#">Paper</a> : Work Local - Making our vision a reality, launched at LGA's annual conference outlining a practical programme to improve employment and skills services in England through local public-private collaborations.	People and Places and City Regions	<a href="#">Complete</a>
Adult Social Care green paper	Paper launched at LGA conference "One year on", to mark one year since the launch of the LGA's own green paper on Adults Social Care on the <a href="#">Future of Adult Social Care</a> .	Community Wellbeing	<a href="#">Complete</a>
Post Brexit England Commission report	Final report of Post Brexit England Commission, "The future of non-metropolitan England: the freedom to lead local places". Paper launched at LGA annual conference.	People and Places	<a href="#">Complete</a>
Prevention green paper	Initial response to Government's green paper on Prevention.	Community Wellbeing	<a href="#">Complete</a>

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Letters to Ministers ahead of 2019 Spending Round	Letters from the Chairman to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Secretary of State for Education ahead of the 2019 Spending Round making the case for local government funding	Chairman and Political Group Offices	Complete
Variation in children's social care spending levels by councils	Research to show explanation of variation in spending levels between different councils and how much is under councils control	Resources, Leadership Board and Executive	<a href="#">Complete</a>
<b>2019 Spending Round on the day briefing</b>		<b>Chairman and Political Group Offices</b>	<a href="#">Complete 4 September 2019</a>
<b>Other products that are planned or in progress</b>			
Survey of councils	Survey of councils to gather information not published nationally on efficiencies and savings made as well the effects of funding reductions.	Leadership Board and Executive	Survey complete, results being analysed
UK Shared Prosperity Fund consultation - LGA response	LGA's formal response to the Government's upcoming consultation on the future of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, with a connection to the LGA's work on Local Industrial Strategies.	Resources	Consultation not yet issued
2020 Spending Review submission	The LGA Spending Review submission to put forward a detailed case for local government funding levels and reform, such as further fiscal freedoms.	All Boards	Representation timeline not yet clear
<b>2020 Spending Review on-the-day briefing</b>		<b>Chairman and Political Group Offices</b>	<b>Timings not yet clear</b>





## Note of last LGA Executive meeting

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<b>Title:</b>	LGA Executive
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 18 July 2019
<b>Venue:</b>	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
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### 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;

- 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.

In the conversation that followed, the following points were raised;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The LGA Executive <b>noted</b> the update from Cllr Bentley.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Sustainable Development Goals</b>	
	<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><b>Decision</b></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><b>Action</b></p> <p>A full report on the UN Sustainable Development Goals to be brought to the September meeting of LGA Executive.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Business Rates Retention and Fair funding</b>	
	<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 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</p>	

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	<p>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><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The LGA Executive <b>endorsed</b> the LGA policy position on the fire and rescue services' relative needs formula (paragraphs 8-10).</p> <p><b>Action</b></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>	
<b>5</b>	<b>LGA Boards: Annual Review of the Year</b>	
	The Executive <b>noted</b> the Boards' achievements on the 2018/19 meeting year.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Note of the last Leadership Board meeting - Tabled</b>	
	The LGA Leadership Board <b>agreed</b> the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 July.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Note of last LGA Executive meeting</b>	
	The LGA Executive <b>agreed</b> the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 June.	
<b>8</b>	<b>2019 Spending Review - Update</b>	
	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.	

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

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**507** Waterloo - Victoria

**C10** Canada Water - Pimlico - Victoria

**88** Camden Town - Whitehall - Westminster - Pimlico - Clapham Common

## Bus routes – Millbank

**87** Wandsworth - Aldwych

**3** Crystal Palace - Brixton - Oxford Circus

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