

## **Terms of Reference: Resources Board**

The LGA's Resources Board will shape and develop the Association's policies and programmes in line with the LGA priorities in relation to: Local Government Finance; Welfare Reform; European Structural Investment Funding and Workforce issues.

### **Specific responsibilities**

- Local Government Finance: issues relating to the financing of local government expenditure.
- Welfare Reform: issues relating to welfare reform.
- European Structural Investment Funding: issues relating to the design & delivery of EU funds from 2014-20.
- Workforce Issues: including pay and reward; productivity; pensions; the role and responsibilities of the employers the LGA represent; workforce development; and equalities and other strategic workforce challenges.

### **Operational accountabilities**

Boards will seek to involve councillors in supporting the delivery of these priorities (through task groups, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), regional networks and other means of wider engagement); essentially operating as the centre of a network connecting to all councils and drawing on the expertise of key advisors from the sector.

The Resources Board will be responsible for:

1. Ensuring the priorities of councils are fed into the business planning process.
2. Developing a work programme to deliver their brief, covering lobbying, campaigns, research, improvement support and events and linking with other boards where appropriate.
3. Sharing good practice and ideas to stimulate innovation and improvement.
4. Representing and lobbying on behalf of the LGA, including making public statements on its areas of responsibility.
5. Building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders.
6. Involving representatives from councils in its work, through task groups, Commissions, SIGs, regional networks and mechanisms.
7. Responding to specific issues referred to the Board by one or more member councils or groupings of councils.
8. Providing views, as appropriate, to inform the decision making responsibilities of the national negotiating committees and the Local Government Pension Committee.

The Resources Board may:

- Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with the Political Conventions.
- Appoint member champions from the Board to lead on key issues.

### **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:	7 members
Labour group:	7 members
Independent group:	2 members
Liberal Democrat group:	2 members

Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

### **Frequency per year**

Meetings to be five times per annum.

### **Reporting Accountabilities**

The LGA Executive provides oversight of the Board. The Board may report periodically to the LGA Executive as required, and will submit an annual report to the Executive's July meeting.