

Local Partnerships Annual Report

Purpose

For information

Summary

The LGA Leadership Board requested Local Partnerships submit a report to summarise the company's performance for the financial year from April 2017 to March 2018. A copy of the published Impact Report for 2017-18 report is attached. The report includes, as **Appendix 1**, the work that has been carried out by Local Partnerships using LGA grant.

Recommendation

That the Leadership Board considers the attached report from Local Partnerships, discussing how the LGA can continue working with Local Partnerships to mutual benefit.

Action

Sir David Wootton, Chair, and Sean Hanson, Chief Executive, of Local Partnerships will attend the meeting to present the report and answer questions.

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Introduction

1. The Leadership Board last reviewed Local Partnerships' performance on 13 September 2017. In the attached Impact Report we present a breakdown of Local Partnerships' achievements in 2017-18, including how the LGA's grant-funding of £1 million was used.

Background

2. Established in 2009, Local Partnerships is a joint venture owned by the LGA (50 per cent) in partnership with HM Treasury (45 per cent) and Welsh Government (5 per cent). It provides commercial expertise in relation to projects and change programmes and acts solely for the benefit of the public sector.
3. Local Partnerships is tasked with covering its costs by its income and is expected to assist the delivery of key national and local priorities. In order to ensure the financial health of the organisation the Board has directed Local Partnerships to produce a surplus of between 5 per cent – 10 per cent pa. Further information on Local Partnerships' background and financial performance is included in the Impact Report 2017-18.

Representation and attendance

4. Local Partnerships' Executive Leadership Team reports to a supervisory board which monitors compliance with its public sector mission. Key decisions relating to the organisation are reserved for the LGA and HM Treasury.
5. Board membership includes representation from key figures in central and local government, with the LGA entitled to 4 representatives on the Board.
6. LGA attendance at the Board's 6 meetings (and the annual Board Strategy Day) in 2017-18 was as follows:

		Meetings	Strat Day
Edward Lord OBE JP	Liberal Democrat Group (to 31 July 2017)	2/2	(0/0)
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Liberal Democrat Group (from 1 Aug 2017)	3/4	(1/1)
Cllr Kevin Bentley	Conservative Group	3/6	(0/1)
Cllr David Sprason	Independent Group (to 4 May 2017)	1/1	(0/0)
Cllr Chris Wells	Independent Group (from 1 Aug 2017)	2/4	(0/1)
Cllr Graham Chapman	LGA Labour Group	4/6	(1/1)

7. The Company Secretary for Local Partnerships is Claire Holloway, LGA Head of Corporate Services.