

Note of last IDeA Company Board meeting

Title: IDeA Company Board
Date: Wednesday 22 January 2014
Venue: Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	IDeA Pension deficit - update There was a confidential discussion.	
2	Business Case for RSG 2015/16 Michael Coughlin presented the report updating the Board on work taking place to prepare the LGA's business case for the revenue support grant (RSG) for the financial year 2015/16. Michael explained that the business case needed to address a number of key points. Members asked whether the business case reflected CLG's priorities. Michael Coughlin confirmed that CLG had not been specific about its priorities. However the LGA was going to focus on the financial support for councils and support for sector-led improvement. It was agreed that the business case would be circulated to members in once it had been completed. <u>Decision</u> Members noted the report. <u>Action</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officers to circulate RSG Business case.	
3	Third quarter performance report Helen Platts presented the third quarter performance report. She updated the board on progress over the last 9 months in delivering the priorities in 2013/14 business plan, and in particular the improvement work, overseen by the IDeA Board. In addition Board members were informed that there was a projected £1.1 million underspend attributable to the IDeA.	

In the following discussion, Members raised a number of detailed questions and comments including:

- he fact that the year-to-date figure for “Other Income” in the consolidated management accounts was higher than the year-end projection. Helen Platts agreed to get back to Members on this point.
- hile the surplus figure was positive for the IDeA, it was important for this not to get too high, given the purpose of RSG funding which was to fund direct support to councils.

Decision

Members noted the report.

4 Draft Business Plan and Budget - 2014/15

Helen Platts introduced the report asking Members to review the LGA’s draft business plan and outline budget for 2014/15 prior to it being agreed by the Board in March.

Members sought clarification on the amount of reserves in the IDeA accounts. It was confirmed that the IDeA held £8 million in cash but that this was offset by the pension deficit, leading in effect to negative reserves overall.

Decision

Members noted the draft Business Plan and Budget for 2014/15.

5 Banking Management and Administration - Standardised Shared Service Processing - CONFIDENTIAL

A confidential discussion took place.

6 Any other business

Helen Platts informed that Board that Cllr Hugh Evans had been nominated to sit on the IDeA Board by the Welsh LGA.

In addition Members were informed that an offer had been made in early January for LGIH’s shares in EGS Ltd (relating to the LGIH’s former interest in IDeA Marketplace) in accordance with a drag along provision in EGS's Articles of Association, from Proactis Group Ltd. LGIH would be due to receive £128,000. Helen Platts confirmed that she would be writing to Board members following the meeting for a formal decision on this

matter.

7 Notes of the last meeting

Members **agreed** the note of the last meeting.

Appendix A -Attendance

Chairman	Sir Merrick Cockell	RB Kensington and Chelsea
	David Sparks OBE	Dudley MBC
	Marianne Overton	Lincolnshire CC
	Philip Selwood	Independent Board member
	Richard Priestman	Independent Board member
Apologies	Peter Fleming	Sevenoaks DC
	Gary Porter	South Holland DC
	Gerald Vernon Jackson	Portsmouth City
Officers	Michael Coughlin	Executive Director, Workforce, Leadership and Productivity
	Helen Platts	Head of Finance and Business Development
	Daniel Kalley	Member Services
	Thelma Stober	Corporate Legal Advisor