

## **LGA Children and Young People Board**

### **Terms of Reference**

The purpose of the Children and Young People Board is to engage with and develop a thorough understanding of the issues within its brief and how legislation does or could affect councils and their communities.

Boards should seek to involve councillors in supporting the delivery of these priorities (through task groups, Rural and Urban Commissions, 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.

Each Board has its own Terms of Reference but responsibilities include:

1. Ensuring the priorities of councils are fed into the business planning process.
2. Developing a work programme to deliver the business plan priorities relevant to 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 area 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.

The Children and Young People 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, with responsibility for liaising with portfolio holders on key issues that require rapid response/contact with councils.