

Economy and Transport Programme Board Terms of Reference 2011 - 12

The purpose of the Economy and Transport Programme Board is to provide strategic oversight of all the LG Group's policy and improvement activity in relation to transport, economic development, business support, regeneration and job creation and skills and training provision, in line with the LG Group priorities. The Economy and Transport Board will also address specific regulatory and LG Group European lobbying priorities as they relate to this activity.

Programme 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.

The Economy and Transport Programme Board will be responsible for:

1. Developing a thorough understanding of council priorities and performance in the areas of responsibility, using strong networks and robust information.
2. Helping to shape the LG Group Business Plan by ensuring the priorities of the sector are fed into the process.
3. Overseeing a programme of work to deliver the strategic priorities set by the LG Group Executive, covering lobbying/campaigns, research/policy, good practice, improvement support and events – as specified in the business plan, taking into account linkages with other policy boards where appropriate.
4. Representational and lobbying activities on behalf of the LG Group and responsibility for the promulgation of activity through public statements in its areas of responsibility.
5. Building and maintaining effective relationships with key stakeholders.

The Economy and Transport Programme Board may:

- Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with guidance in the Political Conventions.
- Appoint member champions where appropriate (who must be a current member of the Board) on key issues, with responsibility for liaising with portfolio holders on key issues that require rapid response/contact with councils.