

Scrutiny Panel Review of LGA Member Structures

Summary

1. To consider the report of the LGA Scrutiny panel review of LGA member structures and to endorse the LGA Executive's response. The Scrutiny Panel's report will be presented by its Chairman, Cllr Malcolm Blanksby.

Recommendations

2. The General Assembly is recommended to agree that:
- I. The report of the Scrutiny Panel and the LGA Executive response be noted;
 - II. The LGA Executive's decision to review the remit of the Environment and Regeneration Boards areas with a view to creating an additional board in this area be agreed in principle; and
 - III. The LGA Executive be authorised to negotiate and agree the final board structures and appointments

Background

3. In September 2005, the LGA Executive asked the Scrutiny Panel to review the operation of the LGA's Boards since their inception in 2004, taking particular account of the experience of members in operating the new structure. The Panel had also been looking separately at how member task groups had been working. The two strands of work were brought together, and the report **attached** at appendix a was presented to the LGA Executive on 15 June.

Report

4. The LGA Executive gave careful consideration to the Scrutiny Panel's report and a full response to each recommendation is **attached** at appendix b.

5. As part of this response, the LGA Executive was minded to agree the Scrutiny Panel's recommendation 3 that the current balance of responsibilities of the Environment and Regeneration Boards should be reviewed, with a view to creating an additional board in the policy areas covered by the two boards. Further discussions will take place over the next few weeks to implement this recommendation. The General Assembly will be updated orally and is invited to authorise the LGA Executive to agree the final board structures.

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