

LGA Independent Commission

Review of Relationships

Terms of reference

The review is to:

- consider the working practices and current pattern of relationships and respective roles and positions between the LGA, member councils, related bodies and their stakeholder groups;
- reflect on the efficiency and effectiveness of these to deliver the sector's strategic objectives; and
- make recommendations on the development of the LGA's role and strategic purpose and activities into the medium and longer term, to ensure it provides the leadership, representation and services that Councils need to enable them to achieve their objectives.

Review principles and process

The review will be:

- independent, transparent and provide a framework in which difficult and complex issues can be aired and tackled
- qualitative not quantitative, and conducted in a way which draws in the views and opinions from across the country using methods such as structured interviews, focus groups, benchmarking activity, and one to one interviews
- resourced effectively
- conducted in a way which engages a wide range of members, member authorities, partners and others.

The review will be conducted by a commission of six members chaired by the President of the LGA, Lord Richard Best.

The commission began its work in September and will submit a report to the LGA in early 2007.