

Actions arising from last meeting

Title: LG Group Improvement Programme Board
Date and time: 11.00 am 17 May 2011
Venue: Local Government House

Item	Progress
<p>1 Future arrangements for audit</p> <p><i>Action</i> Officers to prepare a draft response in light of views expressed by the Board and by member authorities, and to secure Lead Members' approval</p>	<p>Lead members approved a response to the DCLG consultation which has been submitted.</p> <p>We have also responded to the House of Commons Select Committee report on the Future of Audit.</p>
<p>2 Taking the Lead – local government self regulation and improvement</p> <p><i>Action</i> Officers to pursue the development of LG Inform in light of members' views.</p> <p>Officers to promote to CLG officials the suggested key messages to guide the next phase of work on the Single Data list.</p>	<p>The LG Inform Prototype was launched, for consultation, at LG Group Annual Conference.</p> <p>Key messages on the Single Data List were submitted to DCLG. Lead members have been consulted on principles to guide the next phase of the work.</p>
<p>3 DCLG consultation on data transparency</p> <p><i>Action</i> Officers to pursue with CLG officials and seek a meeting with Ministers from CLG and the Cabinet Office.</p>	<p>A response to the consultation on data transparency has been submitted. A meeting with Ministers has been proposed.</p>

Officers to follow up on a previous agreement to speak to Cllr Richard Stay on data issues.

Officers are in discussion with Cllr Stay.

Officers to bring a report on the LG Group's Knowledge Hub for the next Board meeting.

A presentation on Knowledge Hub is on the agenda for the July meeting.

4. Local productivity programme

Action

Cllr Richard Stay and Cllr Tim Cheetham to be kept updated about progress on the productivity programme.

Cllrs Stay and Cheetham participated in the Future Ways of Working Summit on 23 May. A second event is planned for 11 July.

5. Modernisation of EU public procurement rules

Action

Officers to pursue the next steps listed in paragraph 10 of the report.

LG Group is taking forward discussions with European Commission and the UK Government, following a fringe event at the LG Group Annual Conference on 30 June, chaired by Cllr Parsons.

6. Community Budgets

Action

Officers to prepare a report on new ways of funding local public services for Group Leaders.

A paper on innovative funding, including payment by results was sent to Lead Members on 1 July.

7. Notes of last meeting

Cllr Ruth Cadbury requested that there should be a further report on the LG Group Business Plan.

The LG Group budget to support the Business Plan and Financial Strategy for 2011-12 was approved by the LG Group Executive on 19 May. A report drawing to a close the transition to the new integrated organisation was approved by the LG Group Executive on 19 May. Members will be fully engaged in the next business planning round from September.



The Chairman wished to record the Board's gratitude to John Commons, Liberal Democrat substitute Board member who had lost his seat in the local elections

A letter was drafted for the Chairman to send to John Commons as requested.