

## Note of the last Executive meeting

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<b>Title:</b>	LGA Executive
<b>Date and time:</b>	Thursday 13 June 2013
<b>Venue:</b>	The Westminster Suite, Local Government House

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### Attendance

An Attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note.

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
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### 1. Integrated Care

Councillor Zoe Patrick (Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board) introduced the report which summarised the LGA's work on integrated care and support locally. In doing so, she drew attention to joint working between the LGA, Department of Health (DoH) and NHS England to develop a joint programme of work on integration.

Jon Rouse, the Director General for Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships (DoH), provided a verbal overview of the Department's plans for integrated care and the potential impact of the Spending Round on these plans. He commended the quality of the relationship between the DoH, councils and the LGA, and with reference to the austere financial climate, praised the work of the sector in driving efficiencies through sector led-improvement. Whilst the outcomes of the Spending Review were not yet determined, he noted that it presented an excellent opportunity to explore how funding could be used more effectively to support integration between health and social care to improve outcomes and value for money. He emphasised the importance that any integrated system to be based on locally defined solutions and highlighted ways in which the Government could support the development of these.

In the discussion that followed, a number of questions were raised by Members regarding eligibility, the role of Health and Wellbeing Boards and information sharing within an integrated care system. Members emphasised the benefits of integration both in make the most efficient use of resources across the whole health and care system, as well as in delivering improved outcomes for people. Particular reference was made to the important role of local authorities in delivering preventative services and the need for an integrated approach in this area as well.

In responding to Members, Jon Rouse indicated that the role of Health and Wellbeing Boards in an integrated care system was at the heart of the Spending Review discussions; however he was unable to comment further whilst the discussions were on-going. He echoed Members' comments regarding the important role of councils in prevention and acknowledged the challenges posed by information sharing.

**Decision**

That the Executive **noted** the report and presentation by the Department of Health.

**2. Annual Report of the LGA's Audit Committee**

Cllr Ian Swithenbank (Chair of the LGA's Audit Committee), introduced the report which set out the work of the LGA's Audit Committee for 2012-13. In doing so, he drew particular attention to the Committee's role in reviewing the audited accounts of the LGA and its associated companies for submission to the LGA's General Assembly. He commended improvements to the organisation's ICT management and highlighted income generating activities as an area for focus over the forthcoming coming year.

On behalf of the Executive, the Chairman thanked Cllr Swithenbank and the Audit Committee for their report and work over the past 12 months.

**Decision**

That the Executive **noted** the report.

**3. Community Cohesion**

Cllr Mehboob Khan (Chair of Safer and Stronger Communities Board) introduced the item, which highlighted the role of local authorities in the community cohesion agenda. In doing so, he highlighted the potential negative impact of increasing social pressures on community cohesion and emphasised the importance of a locally driven 'bottom up' approach addressing these issues. He outlined a number of steps the LGA would be undertaking to support councils' work on cohesion and invited Members' comments.

Members emphasised the central role of councils and councillors, from all parts of the country, in supporting locally-led action to build integration and challenge extremism. Boston Borough Council was highlighted as an example of good practice, having recently won an award from the Centre for Public Scrutiny for work relating to non-traditional community tensions. With reference to the 2014 European elections, Members highlighted the importance of a united cross party approach to ensure that election campaigning did not seek to exploit community tensions and divisions.

**Decisions**

That the Executive:

1. **noted** the work currently undertaken by local authorities on community cohesion; and
2. **asked** that their comments be taken into consideration in developing further work to support councils' work on cohesion.

**Action**

Officer to take forward in line with Members' direction.

Helen  
Murray

**4. Council Tax Referendums and Levying Bodies**

Councillor Sharon Taylor, (Chair of Finance Panel, introduced the item, which updated Members on a legislative change currently being considered by the House of Lords that would bring levies into the definitions used for council tax referendum purposes. She encouraged the Executive to lobby Members of the House of Lords to support the LGA's call to remove the clause from the Local Audit and Accountability Bill.

With reference to the range and variety of levying bodies, Members highlighted a number of specific examples and expressed support for the complete removal of the clause from the Bill.

**Decisions**

That the Executive **noted** the report and **agreed** to receive further updates as the Bill progresses through Parliament.

**Action**

Liaise with the LGA Political Group Offices regarding lobbying Members of the House of Lords.

**5. LGA Constitution**

The report, which sought the Executive's endorsement for a series of amendments to the LGA Constitution, was moved without further comment.

**Decision**

That the Executive **agreed** the amendments to the Constitution for recommendation to the LGA General Assembly on 2 July.

**6. Note of the 12 June Leadership Board meeting**

Members **noted** the minutes of the previous meeting of the Leadership Board from Wednesday 12 June 2013.

**7. Note of last LGA Executive**

Members **agreed** the minutes of the last LGA Executive meeting from Thursday 16

May 2013.

**Item 6**

**8. New Model for Local Government – CONFIDENTIAL**

A confidential discussion took place.

**Appendix A – Attendance**

<b>Position/ Role</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Authority</b>
Chairman	Sir Merrick Cockell	RB Kensington & Chelsea
Vice-chairman	David Sparks OBE	Dudley MBC
Vice-chairman	Gary Porter	South Holland DC
Vice-chairman	Marianne Overton	Lincolnshire CC
Deputy-chairman	Robert Gordon CBE DL	Hertfordshire CC
Deputy-chairman	Andrew Lewer	Derbyshire CC
Deputy-chairman	Sharon Taylor OBE	Stevenage BC
Deputy-chairman	Mehboob Khan	Kirklees Council
Deputy-chairman	Mayor Dorothy Thornhill MBE	Watford BC

<b>Position/ Role</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Authority</b>
Members	Flick Rea	Camden LB
	Mike Jones	Cheshire West & Chester
	Dave Wilcox OBE	Derbyshire CC
	CIlr David Bellotti	Bath and NE Somerset
	David Simmonds	Hillingdon LB
	Mayor Sir Steve Bullock	Lewisham LB
	Martin Hill OBE	Lincolnshire CC
	Gordon Keymer CBE	Tandridge DC
	Peter Fleming	Sevenoaks DC
	Chris White	Hertfordshire
	Robert Dutton OBE	Wrexham County Borough
	Keith Wakefield	Leeds City Council
	Neil Clarke	Rushcliffe BC
	Sir Richard Leese CBE	Manchester City
	Paul Watson	Sunderland City Council
	Zoe Patrick	Oxfordshire CC
	Peter Box CBE	Wakefield Council
	Philip Atkins	Staffordshire CC
	Mayor Jules Pipe	Hackney LB
	David Philips	Swansea City and CC

<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Authority</b>
	Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Portsmouth City
	Robert Light	Kirklees Council
	Tony Jackson	East Herts DC
	Alderman Sir David Wootton	Corporation of London
	Roger Phillips	Herefordshire Council