

Note of decisions taken and actions required

Title: LGA Leadership Board
Date and time: 18 May 2011
Venue: Bevin Hall, Local Government House.

Attendance

Position	Councillor	Council
Chairman	Baroness Eaton DBE	City of Bradford MDC
Vice chairman	David Sparks OBE	Dudley MBC
Vice chairman	David Shakespeare OBE	Buckinghamshire CC
Vice chairman	Richard Kemp	Liverpool City
Deputy chair	Gary Porter	South Holland DC
Deputy chair	Robert Light	Kirklees Council
Deputy chair	Sharon Taylor	Stevenage BC
Deputy chair	Steve Reed	Lambeth LB
Deputy chair	Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Portsmouth City
Observer	Chris Townsend	Mole Valley DC
Apologies	David Parsons CBE	Leicestershire CC
	Keith Ross OBE	West Somerset DC

Item	Decisions and actions	Action by
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1. Local Elections and LGA Political Balance 2011-2012

John Ransford, Chief Executive, introduced this report. He withdrew the recommendation for the time being.

The Chief Executive explained that when Local Partnerships was first formed the LGA ceded the appointment of Local Partnerships Chairman to the organisation itself. Chairmanship of Local Partnership should, therefore, not be included in the 2011/12 allocation for Chairs, as is the case with the Leadership Centre. John Ransford advised that the figures for allocation of Chairs will now need to be reworked. Allocation of places would be considered

further by Group Leaders and political group offices and brought back to the Leadership Board by correspondence.

Decision

*The LGA Leadership Board **agreed***

- *to accept the report, subject to the reworking of the figures for the allocation of Chairs;*
- *to receive the revised figures for approval by correspondence.*

Action

Officers to revise the calculations for the allocation of Chairs, in consultation with Group Leaders and the Heads of Group Office and to circulate to the Leadership Board for approval.

**Claire
Holloway/
Cathy Boyle**

2. Communications Update

Jo Miller, Deputy Chief Executive, introduced a report which updated members on progress with the new LG Group website. Jo circulated a number of slides to demonstrate the look and feel of the new website. Jo Miller also provided an updated on the Annual Conference 2011.

Members made a number of detailed comments on issues including qualitative assessment, alternative sources of information, interactivity, live debate on topical issues, responding quickly to new stories, and the need for a seamless transfer to the new site.

Decisions

*The Leadership Board **noted** the report.*

Action

Officers to continue the development of the new website, taking members' comments into account.

Jo Miller

3. LG Group Budget and LGA Budget 2011/12

Stephen Jones, Group Finance Director/Head of Business Development, introduced this report. Stephen Jones informed

members that the LG Group's and the LGA's proposed budget for 2011/12 were set out in the Budget Book to be presented to the LG Group Executive the following day. A provisional budget for the LGA for 2011/12 was agreed by the LGA Leadership Board in March, before the start of the financial year. Since then work has been underway on a final budget for the year, following the restructuring exercise across the Group that is now close to being completed.

Decision

*The Leadership Board **agreed** the proposed budget for 2011/12 for the LGA, as part of the LG Group budget.*

Action

Officers to present a full assessment of transition costs for the LGA to Resources Panel and the Leadership Board in July.

**Stephen
Jones**

4. LGA Vice-Presidents 2011-2012

John Ransford introduced a report which outlined the roles of LGA Vice-Presidents and a list of the current nominees for Vice-President for the year 2011/12. The Chief Executive informed the Board that nominations to the list of Vice-Presidents would continue to be open for the next few weeks, should they wish to add to it.

Decision

The Leadership Board

- ***noted** the list of Vice-Presidents proposed for 2011/12;*
- ***agreed** that these names be put forward to the General Assembly for agreement, following checking for accuracy by the Political Groups.*

Action

Political Groups to check the list for accuracy, prior to the names going forward to the General Assembly.

**Political
Groups**

5. Funds of the Association of District Councils

Stephen Jones introduced a report which sought the Leadership Board's approval for proposed arrangements for the management

by the LGA of funds it is anticipated will shortly be received from the liquidation of ADC Trustees Ltd, the company that has overseen the liquidation of the property assets of the Association of District Councils.

The Leadership Board thanked all of those officers who contributed to the work involved in the arrangements for managing the ADC funds and bringing the proposed arrangements to the Board.

Decision

The Leadership Board

- **approved** arrangements for a support payment of £217,945 p.a. to be made to the District Councils Network in 2011-12 and for the next nine years after that; and
- **authorised** the Resources Panel to determine an appropriate subscription discount arrangement to provide broadly similar benefits for unitary councils that were formed from, or took over the functions of, non-metropolitan District Councils.

Action

Officers to take forward as outlined in the Board's decisions.

Stephen Jones

6. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Annual Reports

Baroness Eaton introduced a report which provided the Leadership Board with the 2011 Annual Reports of the LGA's Special Interest Group.

Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the report.*

Action

Chairman's letter to be sent to SIGs thanking them for their reports.

Cathy Boyle

7. LG Group Executive agenda

John Ransford, Chief Executive, took the Leadership Board through the agenda for the LG Group Executive the following day.

The Chief Executive informed the Board of the following revised schedule of meetings to be held the following day:

10.00am	LG Group Executive	Westminster Suite
12.00	Councillors Forum	Bevin Hall
1.00pm	Lunch	Terrace Lounge
1.00pm	LGA Leadership Board + lunch	Westminster Suite
1.30pm	Meeting of Regional Leads	Sixth Floor
1.30pm	Political Group Meetings	

General Assembly Motions

*The Leadership Board **agreed** that the political groups should consider options for a broader topic/topics for debate at the General Assembly this year, for the approval of the LG Group Executive.*

8. Note of the Last Meeting on 13 April 2011

Decision

*The Leadership Board **agreed** the note of the last meeting.*