

## Note of decisions taken and actions required

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**Title:** LGA Leadership Board  
**Date and time:** 11 July 2012  
**Venue:** Smith Square Rooms 1 & 2

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### Attendance

Position	Councillor	Council
Chairman	Sir Merrick Cockell	RB of Kensington & Chelsea
Vice-chairman	David Sparks OBE	Dudley MBC
Vice-chairman	Gary Porter	South Holland DC
Vice-chairman	Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Portsmouth City
Vice-chairman	Marianne Overton	Lincolnshire CC
Deputy-chairman	Andrew Lewer	Derbyshire CC
Deputy-chairman	Robert Gordon CBE DL	Hertfordshire CC
Deputy-chairman	Robert Light	Kirklees Council
Deputy-chairman	Sharon Taylor	Stevenage BC
Deputy-chairman	Steve Reed	Lambeth LB
Deputy-chairman	Mayor Dorothy Thornhill MBE	Watford BC

### Apologies

Deputy-chairman	Mehboob Khan	Kirklees Council
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### In attendance

LGA President	Lord Best <b>[for Item 2]</b>	
Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board	Cllr David Rogers OBE <b>[for Item 1]</b>	East Sussex C

Item	Decisions and actions	Action by
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**1. Compact Agreement between the NHS Commissioning Board and the LGA**

Councillor David Rogers OBE, Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board introduced a report which summarised the key messages and background to the development of the Compact agreement between the LGA and the NHS Commissioning Board.

Councillor Rogers stressed the importance of working together with our partners at national and local level to help achieve improved health outcomes for patients and communities locally. Getting the relationships right at this stage was key to working effectively together in the longer term.

The Leadership Board made a number of detailed comments and raised some concerns about the proposals in the paper. Councillor Rogers responded to each issue raised. He reassured the Board that there was still time to make changes to the Compact, subject to the agreement of the Executive. Detailed comments and questions were noted by officers present.

#### Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the Compact agreement between the LGA and the NHS Commissioning Board and **commended** it to the LGA Executive for approval, subject to their comments.*

#### Action

Officers to take forward in line with the Boards decisions.

**Sandie Dunne/  
Tom Shakespeare**

## **2. Independent Review of Members' Allowances 2012**

Leadership Board members each declared an interest.

The Chairman welcomed Lord Best to meeting and invited him to present the Independent Panel's conclusions and recommendations, for agreement by the LGA Executive the following day.

Lord Best took the Board through the Panel's conclusions and recommendations, set out in paragraph 23 of the report.

During the discussion

- Members requested, and Lord Best agreed, a minor amendment to paragraph 23.3 - amending "adjust" to "whether".
- Councillor Sparks commented that he did not feel that vice chairmen should take on additional peer work
- Members commented that it would be for the Groups to agree appropriate officer representation on their respective appointment panels.

*The Leadership Board **noted** the conclusions and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, set out in paragraph 23 of the report, for agreement by the Executive on 12 July, subject to their comments.*

Action

Officers to amend the LGA Scheme of Allowances in line with the LGA Executive decision on 12 July. **Claire Holloway**

**3. Membership and Terms of Reference 2012/2013**

**4. LGA Leadership Board - Review of the Year 2011/2012**

The Leadership Board considered Items 3 and 4 together.

During the discussion members made the following points.

- Members felt that the Leadership Board had fulfilled its responsibilities set out in its terms of reference.
- Given the Executive responsibilities of the Boards, members felt that point 4 of the Terms of Reference was not needed as this was implicit in the Board's responsibility for oversight of the Business Plan.
- Councillor Sharon Taylor asked that the LGA should place greater emphasis on Select Committees Inquiries, beyond those to which we are called.

At the Board's request, the Chief Executive updated on progress on an LGA membership scheme for Police and Crime Commissioners and committed to bring a full report to the September meeting.

Decision

*The Leadership Board*

- **noted** its Membership for 2012/2013; .
- **agreed** its Terms of Reference subject, to the removal of 4. "overseeing the delivery of the Board work programmes."
- **noted** Item 4, which set out the Board's work and achievements over the past year;

- *noted its programme of meetings for 2012/2013.*

Actions

Officers to amend the terms of reference.  
Officers to bring report to PCCs to September meeting

**Cathy Boyle**  
**Helen Murray**

**5. First quarter performance report - 2012/2013**

Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, introduced the first quarter performance report for April - June 2012.

The Board expressed their satisfaction at the LGA's financial performance to 31 May. Members noted that programme spend is currently under budget and that bids would now be invited from the Boards for unallocated funding.

Decision

*The Leadership Board*

- *noted, with satisfaction, the first quarter performance delivery against the 2012-2013;*
- *agreed that the traffic light rating on the anticipated White Paper on the Care System for Children, should be changed from red to amber, as the decision not to publish the White Paper was outside the LGA's control.*

Action

Co-ordinate management action and maintain focus on delivering the business plan.

**Helen Platts**

**6. LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition 2012**

Roberta Henry, Senior Events Organiser, invited members feedback and comments on this year's conference and the future direction of the event.

The four Group Leaders - Councillors Sparks, Porter, Vernon-Jackson and Overton - on behalf of their members, congratulated Roberta Henry and her team on a very successful 2012 Annual Conference.

Board Members gave Roberta feedback to inform the programme for next year and to help shape and plan for future events.

In particular, Members referred to the successful launch at the Conference of the LGA's publication "Funding outlook for councils from 2010/11 to 2019/20: Preliminary modelling" which was particularly well received by delegates.

Decisions

*The Board*

- **noted** the feedback;
- **requested** a report on planning for the 2013 Annual Conference in the autumn.

Action

Officers to progress in line with members' comments and to provide a report on planning for next year's Conference in the autumn.

**Roberta Henry**

Action

Officers to take the Leadership Board's comments into account and to continue to work with the Board to develop future conference programmes.

**Roberta Henry**

**7. LGA Forward Plan**

The Leadership Board received the draft forward plan for the LGA Leadership Board, LGA Executive and the Councillors' Forum

Decision

*The Leadership Board **agreed** the topics set out in the Forward Plan.*

Action

Officers to progress in accordance with the Board's decision.

**Cathy Boyle**

**8. LGA Executive agenda**

Decision

*The Executive **noted** the Leadership Board agenda for the following day.*

9. **Note of the last meeting - 13 June 2012**

Decision

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

**Part 2 - CONFIDENTIAL**

10. **Liberata Contract Renegotiation (oral report)**

Stephen Jones, Director of Finance and Resources, gave members an oral update on the renegotiation of the Liberata contract.

Decision

*The Leadership **noted** the oral report on the Liberata contract.*

11. **Chief Executive's Monthly Report – July 2012**

Decision

*The Leadership Board noted the Chief Executive's report for July 2012.*

12. **Dates for meetings in 2012/2013**

Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the dates of the Leadership Board, the Executive and the Councillors' Forum in 2012/2013.*