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Note of decisions taken and actions required

Title: LGA Leadership Board

Date and Time: 17 July 2013 at 2.00pm

Venue: Smith Square Rooms 1 & 2

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 **[by video-conference]**
Deputy-chairman	Robert Light	Kirklees Council
Deputy-chairman	Mehboob Khan	Kirklees Council
Deputy-chairman	Mayor Dorothy Thornhill MBE	Watford BC
Deputy-chairman	Mayor Sir Steve Bullock	Lewisham Council

Apologies

Deputy-chairman	Sharon Taylor OBE	Stevenage BC

PART 1

1. Spending Round

Leadership Board received a report setting out the key Spending Round announcements for local government in 2015/17 and the key points in the LGA's response.

Members made a number of comments on issues including: the £200 million extension of the Troubled Families Programme and the pooling of £400m of the New Homes Bonus in the Single Local Growth Fund.

Councillor Gary Porter, Leader of the Conservative Group, informed the Board that Greg Clark MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, had offered a discussion with LGA members to address concerns about the pooling of New Home Bonus money.

Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman, referring to a meeting with David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools and the Cabinet Office the previous day, stressed the need for clarity to be sought from Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove MP, on the future role of local government in education.

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Decision

The Leadership Board

- ***noted*** *the report;*
- ***agreed*** *that dates be sought from Greg Clark's office for an LGA event on the New Homes Bonus;*

Action

Officers to action in accordance with the Board's discussion.

2. Communications – quarterly report – April to June 2013

David Holdstock, Director of Communications, introduced a report outlining activity by the Communications team between April to June 2013 and reporting on spending round activity.

Members expressed their satisfaction with the quality of LGA representation in the national media, which presented a strong voice for local government. Councillor David Sparks asked that local media coverage also be included in future reports.

Decision

The Leadership Board ***noted*** *the communications activity for the period April to June 2013.*

Action

Officers to provide a further communications report to the Board's October meeting.

David Holdstock

3. LGA Leadership Board – Review of the Year 2012/13

Claire Holloway, Head of Corporate Governance, introduced a report summarising the work that the Board had undertaken since 1 September 2012 and its key achievements.

Decision

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

4. First quarter performance report: April – June 2013

Helen Platts, Head of Business Development, introduced the performance report for the 1st quarter. Helen informed the Board that delivery of the business plan was broadly on track and that, at this stage, income and expenditure for the year were broadly in line with budget. Helen also pointed out that the risk that the LGA would not achieve its vision for local government had been reduced in the light of the recent work on Rewiring Local Government and its launch at the Annual Conference.

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Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the first quarter performance report April – June 2013.*

5. LGA Annual Conference

Roberta Henry, Senior Events Organiser provided the Board with early feedback from the 2013 Annual Conference. 60 extra full delegates attended this year, equating to approximately £40k additional income for the LGA. Feedback on speakers was very positive.

Board Members gave Roberta feedback to inform the programme for next year and to help shape and plan for future events. Roberta would come back to the Board with options for the structure of next year's Annual Conferences for members' consideration in September.

Decision

The Leadership Board

- ***noted** feedback from this year's Conference;*
- ***agreed** to receive options for the structure of next year's Annual Conference to the Board's September meetng.*

Action

Officers to bring options back to Board in due course. **Roberta Henry**

6. Chief Executive's Monthly Report – July 2013

Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the Chief Executive's report for July 2013.*

7. Membership and Term of Reference 2013/14

Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** its Membership and Terms of Reference for 2013/14.*

8. Dates of meetings 2013/14

*The Leadership Board **noted** the dates of the Leadership Board, the Executive and the Councillors' Forum in 2013/2014;*

9. Forward Plan

The Leadership Board received the Forward Plan for the Board, the LGA Executive and the Councillors' Forum.

Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the Forward Plan and **agreed** that a discussion on Working with the Media be arranged for a meeting of Councillors' Forum in the Autumn.*

Action

Members to advise their group offices of any further items for the Executive and Councillors' Forum.	**All Leadership Board members**

10. LGA Executive agenda

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

A Councillors' Briefing day for new members will be held on Thursday, 5 September 2013 at 10.00am. Continuing members are also invited to attend.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11 September 2013 at 2.00pm, Local Government House.