

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) - 2013 Annual Reports

Purpose

For information and discussion.

Summary

All Special Interest Groups are required, under the LGA Constitution, to submit a full report to the LGA Leadership Board each year. The LGA requires that these reports should feature the key aims and objectives of the group, its current membership and lead authority and a description of key activities and outcomes of any work undertaken during the past year.

Hard copies of SIGs' 2013 annual reports will be available on request.

A copy of the LGA's Statement for Special Interest Groups is attached to Item 5 on this agenda.

Recommendations

The LGA Leadership Board is asked to consider this report and indicate:

1. Whether it has any future requirements in respect of Special Interest Groups (SIGs); and
2. Whether it wishes to invite any special interest groups to a future LGA Executive meeting to discuss their work.

Action

Officers to take forward in accordance with the Leadership Board's views.

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Background

1. The LGA Constitution provides for member authorities with common characteristics or interests to form Special Interest Groups. A list of the current groupings, which have been approved by the LGA Executive and established as Special Interest Groups since the LGA was formed in April 1997, is attached at [Appendix A](#).

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2. 16 Special Interest Groups have submitted Annual Reports this year. The Shared Chief Executive's SIG was approved by the Board in December 2012 and is not required to provide a report until spring 2014. The remaining Special Interest Groups who have not yet submitted reports are:

2.1. Affordable Loans Network*

2.2. Public Transport Consortium.

2.3. Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities (SIGOMA).

**This SIG has not been active in the last 12 months.*

Financial/Resource Implications

3. Special Interest Groups are encouraged to raise their own resources from their membership and administer these resources themselves. However, the LGA does offer limited administrative support and the use of meeting rooms, free of charge. The LGA does not pay any allowances or travel and subsistence costs to members attending SIG meetings.