

Other Board Business

Decisions

1. That the Board:
 - Nominate a Member to attend meetings of the Urban Commission Steering Group;
 - Note the response to the ongoing Member Skills Audit;
 - Note the Safer Communities Board Calendar for 2004 to 2006, identify any issues for the Board's attention which arise from the calendar and agree how often it wishes to review this document; and
 - Note the list of Government department/agency contacts.

Actions

2. The details of the Board's appointment to the Urban Commission Steering Group will be added to the records held by Member Services and details of future meeting dates will be sent to the Board's appointee.

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Summary

1. This report deals with several matters of interest to the Board which can be effectively dealt with as one item rather than separate reports.

Background

2. There are four issues for the Board's attention, some of which follow on from decisions the Board made at its meeting on 13 September.

Urban Commission Steering Group

3. The LGA Urban Commission is established to discuss urban affairs and meets twice a year. The Commission has a steering group which also meets twice a year and which gives Members an opportunity to debate policy issues between full Commission meetings and to shape the agenda for the next full meeting of the Commission. The Chairman of the Commission and the Steering Group, Cllr Stephen Houghton (Labour, Barnsley), has extended an invitation to each of the LGAs Boards to appoint one Member to sit on the Steering Group, thereby facilitating a cross-cutting debate on urban affairs. The Board is asked to confirm its appointment.

Member Skills Audit

4. At the meeting of the Board in September it was agreed that a survey of Members' skills should be undertaken. The rationale for this was to establish a file for use by office holders and the Board when determining the future allocation of duties on behalf of the Board.
5. The response to the survey has been positive and information has been received from more than half of the Board's Membership. Responses are attached as appendix 1. However, the record is still not complete and Members that have not had the opportunity to forward their details to the LGA are asked to do so when the opportunity presents itself.
6. Members who have already responded may wish to take this chance to review their information for accuracy.

Safer Communities Board Calendar 2004 – 2006

7. Also at its meeting in September the Board agreed that a calendar should be produced tailored to its areas of responsibility, incorporating important events, publications, consultations, etc. It was envisaged at the time that this document would assist the Board in planning its future work programme and in

determining at what points in time it would be most appropriate to invite the wider Membership to attend a Policy Review Group (PRG).

8. The current draft of the Board's calendar is attached as appendix 2. Using the calendar, Members may wish to discuss what issues, if any, should be included on the Board's future work programme and whether there are any points in the coming months where it would appear appropriate to arrange a PRG. The Board is also invited to consider how often it wishes to review this document.

Government Department/Agency Contacts

9. The Board, at its meeting in September, asked that a list be prepared setting out civil service contacts on issues within its remit. The list attached as appendix 3 gives this information and includes agency contacts also.

Implications for Wales

10. None.

Financial/Resource Implications

11. None.

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