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Terms of Reference for Safer Communities Board

1. The Safer Communities Board will have responsibility for LGA activity in the promotion of the health and safety of local communities, including issues of crime and anti – social behaviour, police liaison, community safety, public protection, emergency planning, and licensing and other regulatory activities.
2. The Board will also have responsibility for LGA activity in relation to fire authority issues where the issues are of a cross-cutting nature or involves the setting of a new LGA policy. On such matters the Board may choose to seek recommendations or guidance from the Fire Services Management Committee, and from time to time may be requested by the Committee to consider recommendations on such matters.

In relation to the above responsibilities, the Board will:

- (i) provide strategic direction for LGA policy development in the areas of its responsibility, working in conjunction with LACORS and with its member task groups, and taking into account linkages with other policy areas where appropriate;
- (ii) undertake either collectively or individually representational and lobbying activities on behalf of the LGA and be responsible collectively for the promulgation of policy through public statements in its area of responsibility where responsibility for that matter has not been delegated;
- (iii) contribute to the achievement of the Association's overall policy priorities and objectives, as identified in its business plan;
- (iv) agree and monitor the project plans of the member task groups in its area of responsibility; and commission new ones, with the agreement of the LGA Executive;
- (v) agree the work programme with guidance from the Fire Services Management Committee at the beginning of each year and receive regular reports on the work of that body;
- (vi) make an appropriate contribution to the income generation of the Association;
- (vii) report significant new policy developments to the LGA Executive.

3. The Board may appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with the guidance in the Political Conventions (paragraph 5 (i)).
4. The Board will allocate responsibility for social inclusion and equalities issues within its areas of responsibility to one of its members, and may allocate responsibility for other particular areas within its responsibility to one or more of its members.