

Actions arising from last meeting -

1. LGA Work programme- cross cutting themes

List of current Board champions has been circulated. Initial discussions on developing “job descriptions” for these roles are underway.

In order to facilitate improved awareness of work undertaken by other LGA boards, the following link is to the board Chairs’ reports to the LGA Executive on the LGA website which outline current progress on interventions and other business of the other LGA boards:

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/Documents/Agenda/lgaexecutive/220207/item7.pdf>

2. Domestic Violence

Officers are in discussion with IDeA about taking this work forward and they have undertaken to review domestic violence on IDeA Knowledge. Officers have also met the Chief Executive of the National Community Safety Network. NSCN has appointed a domestic violence co-ordinator, Sam Wright, to develop their work and expertise in this area.

3. Fire and Rescue in 2017

Work on a forward strategy for fire and rescue is nearing fruition with the launch at the LGA's forthcoming fire conference of a ten year vision (13 and 14 March, Peterborough). Having published a consultation on the vision last autumn, we have succeeded in persuading DCLG and the Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA) to sign up to a joint document setting out our shared ambitions for the future of the service, and providing a framework for collaborative working in the months and years to come.

4. Any Other Business – Ipswich

James Hehir, Chief Executive of Ipswich, has written to the Home Office to press for lessons learned from the tragic events in the town to be learned nationally and locally, either through the setting up of a national working group, or other means to ensure that the aims of the government strategy work more effectively at a local level. Lord Bruce-Lockhart has responded in supportive terms; a draft has been provided for Cllr Ann Lucas to send to Ministers setting out the LGA's policy position, developed by the task group on prostitution and published in 2006.

5. Outstanding actions from previous meetings

Board Away Day: Follow-up advice has now been provided to Board office holders about the focus and scope of a Board Away Day. There is a linkage here to work of the Best Commission, which is likely to make recommendations about the way in which

policy Boards can help LGA improve its outreach to member councils and councillors. That argues for a formal Away Day once the LGA has had time to consider its recommendations. One potential opportunity could be to tie in with a possible re-establishment of an annual Safer Communities residential conference in the autumn. Officers will engage wider membership on the direction of the Board and its work programme in the run up to such an event.

Respect Task Force: Following the presentation to the November 2006 meeting by the government's Respect Task Force, the creation of forty new Respect Areas was announced in local authorities across England and Wales who have signed up to 5 key interventions. The LGA has welcomed the focus on intervention at the earliest opportunity and investment in sporting activities, volunteering programmes and parenting classes are all positive steps. Related to this, the LGA has also submitted its response to the latest Home Office Anti-Social Behaviour consultation. Further detail is included in the report to the meeting on the Safer Communities Intervention.

Member Champions: The list of Champions agreed at the last two meetings has been circulated. Advice has been submitted to the Office holders on the role of Champions – once this has been discussed and agreed, officers will engage individual champions on how best to focus and support their work.

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