

## **LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Programme Board – Governance Arrangements**

### **Summary**

This report provides an overview of proposed changes to the governance arrangements for the LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Programme Board that will come into effect in September 2010. These changes stem from proposals agreed at the LGA Executive on such arrangements as part of the 'Getting Closer' programme.

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to note the governance arrangements and proposed ways of working for the new LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Programme Board.

### **Action**

LG Group officers to action as necessary.

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### **Background**

1. At the last Board meeting in May, Members **agreed** that the Lead Members discuss further the ways of working for the new LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Programme Board.
2. At their meeting on 8 June, lead members discussed:
  - How can the board ensure stronger connections to councils?
  - What might be the most effective way of working for the new board?
3. Following this discussion, Lead Members proposed that programme Board members should establish stronger links with member councils in their regions. The aim of the role would be for programme Board members to understand the issues and concerns that member councils would like the LGA to pursue at a national level and to act as a regional advocate for the LG Group. This will include activity such as:
  - develop relationships with community safety portfolio holders and scrutiny chairs in the region in order to inform the development of LGA lobbying positions on key issues;
  - develop strategic relationships with community safety organisations;
  - understand and influence the Regional Efficiency and Improvement Partnerships;
  - promote LGA campaign activity and lobbying successes;
  - identify good practice in their regions;
  - liaise with the other Board members in the region.
4. Board Members will be supported in this activity by the LGA's Community Safety Advisers network, which is chaired by Stuart Douglass.
5. Members will be invited to feed back progress on regional activity at formal Board meetings during the cycle.
6. It is proposed that current Members would be matched to their home region as follows (subject to any changes in Board membership for 2010/2011.)

<b>Name</b>	<b>LGA Region</b>
Cllr Sharon Taylor	East of England
Cllr Mrs Joanna Spicer	East of England
Cllr John G Kent	East of England

<b>Name</b>	<b>LGA Region</b>
Mr Brian Coleman	London
Cllr Nilgun Canver	London
Cllr Duwayne Brooks	London
Cllr Anita A Lower	North East
Cllr Roland M Domleo	North West
Cllr David A Lancaster	North West
Cllr Paul V K Porgess	North West
Cllr Mrs Gillian A Brown	South East
Cllr Daisy Benson	South East
Cllr Mrs Ann M Stribley JP	South West
Cllr Graham Brown	Wales
Cllr Les Lawrence	West Midlands
Cllr Mrs Ann Lucas	West Midlands
Cllr David S Smith JP	West Midlands
Cllr Robert Sleight	West Midlands
Cllr Ian Gillies	Yorkshire and the Humber
Cllr Mehboob Khan	Yorkshire and the Humber
Cllr Thomas W Fox	Yorkshire and the Humber
Cllr Mark Burns-Williamson	Yorkshire and the Humber

### **Programme Board meetings 2010/11**

- Under the new arrangements for Programme working, Boards are encouraged to find their own most effective way of working and not be restricted by formal meetings in London on a set timescale (but with a guide of 4 formal meetings a year).

8. Lead Members agreed that the proposed times/dates for the 2010/11 Board cycle would be as follows:
- 13 September 2010 - 11 am - 1 pm - Local Government House
  - 11 October 2010 - 3 pm - 5 pm Brighton, to coincide with the 2 day LGA Group Safer Communities Conference
  - 17 January 2011 - no Board meeting but members to use this date, or another convenient date in January, as an opportunity to connect with councils in their regions, for example visiting councils, arranging to meet portfolio holders and reporting back to the Board at the March meeting.
  - 14 March 2011 - 3 pm - 5 pm - Sunderland, followed by Board dinner and overnight stay and visit to Sunderland on morning of 15 March.
  - 11 July 2011 - 11 am – 1 pm - Local Government House

#### **Financial Implications**

9. None arising directly from this report.

#### **Implications for Wales**

10. None.

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