

Safer and Stronger Communities Programme Board membership, terms of reference and appointments to outside bodies 2012/13

Purpose of report

For decision.

Summary

This report outlines the membership and terms of reference for the Local Government Association (LGA) Safer and Stronger Communities Programme Board for the 2012/13 meeting cycle. The report also outlines outside bodies to which the Board is asked appoint for the 2012/13 meeting cycle.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

1. Formally note the membership and terms of reference for the LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Board (attached as Appendix A and B respectively);
2. Formally appoint to outside bodies and member champion roles in accordance with the procedure outlined in Appendix C, ensuring that the bodies to which they wish to appoint accurately reflect LGA priorities; and,
3. Receive appropriate feedback from members representing the Programme Board on outside bodies over the previous meeting cycle.

Action

Officers to inform outside bodies of any changes in, or confirm continuation of LG Group representatives. Officers to confirm appointments directly to members and also via a paper for information to the next appropriate full Board.

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Safer and Stronger Communities Board (SSCB) membership and terms of reference

1. Members are invited to formally note the membership and to confirm the Board's Lead Members for 2012/13 (as detailed in **Appendix A**). Members are also invited to note the Board's terms of reference for this year (attached as **Appendix B**).

SSCB outside body appointments

2. The Local Government Group currently benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across all Boards. These appointments are reviewed on an annual basis across the association to ensure that the aims and objectives of the outside bodies remain pertinent to the LGA.
3. A list of the organisations to which the Board currently appoints member representatives is attached at **Appendix D**. Members are asked to note and comment upon the appointments for this meeting cycle, which are to be made in proportion with political representation across the LGA.
4. A database for centrally recording all the information relating to appointments is held by the Member Services team.
5. In order to clarify the process for making appointments; the method of recording information on appointments; and to set out the level of support we will offer to appointed members, a procedure has been drawn up (**Appendix C**) which aims to ensure that Members are, ahead of the first meeting of the cycle, fully briefed on both the policy direction of the outside body and the logistical arrangements, such as the meeting frequency, meeting location and membership.

Member Champions

6. For 2011/12 the Board appointed the following champions and support members:

Community Cohesion and Prevent: **Deferred due to riots (Cllr Duwayne Brooks (with Cllr Les Lawrence to act as support Member) was previous champion).**

Domestic Violence: Cllr Ann Lucas (Cllr Joanna Spicer to act as support Member)

Licensing: Cllr Nilgun Canver (Cllr Paul Bettison to act as support Member)

Emergency Planning: **Cllr Tom Fox (Cllr Mark Burns-Williamson to act as support Member)**

Anti-social Behaviour: Cllr Anita Lower (**Cllr Goronwy Edwards to act as support Member**).

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7. The Board's Lead Members have decided that the Board should continue to appoint champions for 2012/13. A role description for Board champions is therefore set out at **Appendix E**. The Board is requested to review the current areas covered by member champions and consider whether these should continue, or whether different issues need to be addressed. As the Local Government Regulation Board's main function is as a company board under the Getting Closer proposals, the Safer and Stronger Communities Board is now the lead body on regulatory service matters. Having decided which champion roles are needed, the Board will then need to consider who to appoint to these roles.

Financial Implications

8. There are no substantial financial implications arising directly from this report. Reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be paid by the LGA for expenses incurred by a member appointee, whilst carrying out a representative role on an outside body on behalf of the LGA.