

## Note of last LGA Executive meeting

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<b>Title:</b>	LGA Executive
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 17 July 2014
<b>Venue:</b>	Westminster Suite, 8th Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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### Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the newly appointed Deputy-Chairs of the Association to the Executive.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  No declarations of interest were made.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Better Care Fund</b>  Carolyn Downs (Chief Executive) introduced the report which updated on a number of changes to the £1 billion pay for performance component of the Better Care Fund (BCF) and on the timescale for revised Health and Wellbeing Plans to be signed off. In doing so, she highlighted that the LGA had robustly opposed the revisions to the BCF and she encouraged all Health and Wellbeing Boards to put on record the potential detrimental impact the changes would have on Adult Social Care (ASC) services.  Members were united in their opposition to the changes to the BCF and emphasised the need to maintain pressure on Government so that the original shared ambition for health and social care integration is not undermined by further changes. Specific concerns included: the ability of local authorities to adequately fund ASC; the admissions criteria and the length of time it would take to evidence reductions in admissions; the short timeframe for HWBs to agree revised BCF Plans; and the balance between maximising the opportunities presented by integration and the risks it presented. Members also discussed the situation regarding integration and funding of health and ASC in Wales.	

### Decisions

The LGA Executive:

- i. **noted** the update on the Better Care Fund; and

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- ii. **asked** that their views inform the continuing dialogue on the Better Care Fund between the LGA and the Department for Health.

**4 Municipal Bonds Agency**

Michael Lockwood (Interim Director of Local Government Finance and Policy) introduced the report which updated Members on the progress made thus far in securing investment in the Municipal Bonds Project from a diverse range of 35 councils. Based on this success, Executive's agreement was sought to proceed with the project and to commit the LGA's full investment.

In the discussion that followed, the Executive confirmed their support for proceeding with the project as set out. Cllr David Phillips asked for support from officers in exploring the possibility of Welsh involvement in the project.

**Decisions**

The LGA Executive:

- i. **agreed** that the Municipal Bonds Agency project should continue into full mobilisation; and
- ii. **approved** the full commitment of the LGA's intended investment; including a budgeted £100,000 of initial start-up costs, taking the LGA's total equity stake in the Agency to £500,000.

**5 LGA Boards Annual Review of the Year**

The Chair briefly introduced the report which set out the principle achievements from the 11 Boards over the past 12 months, as well some key issues going forward.

Cllr McMahon (Workforce Board Chair) drew particular attention to the recent national strike action and the potential for future localised and targeting action. Cllr Fleming (Improvement and Innovation Board Chairman) expressed his gratitude to those councils that had taken part in the Innovation Zone at the 2014 LGA Annual Conference.

**Decision**

The Executive **noted** the achievements of the Boards in the 2013/14 meeting year.

**6 Note of the last Leadership Board meeting on 16 July - Tabled**

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**Decision**

The Executive noted the minutes of the Leadership Board held on Wednesday 16 July.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

The press and public were excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the following confidential items.

**7 Note of last LGA Executive meeting on 12 June**

**Decision**

The Executive agreed the minutes of the previous Executive meeting held on 12 June.

**8 The Council Role in Education**

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Cllr and Position/Role	Authority/Representing
Cllr David Sparks OBE (Chairman)	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Jim McMahon (Vice Chairman)	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE (Deputy Chairman)	Stevenage Borough Council
Mayor Sir Steve Bullock (Deputy Chairman)	Lewisham London Borough Council
Cllr Gary Porter (Vice Chairman)	South Holland District Council
Cllr David Hodge (Deputy Chairman)	Surrey County Council
Cllr Neil Clarke MBE (Deputy Chairman)	Rushcliffe Borough Council / District Councils Network SIG
Mayor Dorothy Thornhill MBE (Deputy Chairman)	Watford Borough Council
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice Chairman)	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Peter Box CBE	Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Sir Richard Leese CBE	People & Places Board / North West Regional Leaders' Board representative
Cllr David Simmonds	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Cllr Peter Fleming	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Mike Jones	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cllr Flick Rea MBE	Camden Council
Cllr Clarence Barrett	Havering London Borough Council
Cllr Tony Jackson	East of England LGA (East Herts DC)

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	Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE Cllr Mrs Izzi Seccombe	South East England Councils (Tandridge DC) Centre for Local Government West Midlands (Warwickshire County Council)
	Cllr Martin Hill OBE	East Midlands Councils (Lincolnshire County Council)
	Cllr John Hart Mayor Jules Pipe	South West Councils (Devon County Council) London Councils (Hackney London Borough Council)
	Cllr Paul Watson	Association of North East Councils (Sunderland City Council)
	Cllr David Phillips	Welsh LGA (Swansea City and County Council)
	Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities (Barnsley Council)
	Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE	County Councils Network SIG (Gloucestershire County Council)
Apologies:	Cllr Mrs Ann Lucas OBE Cllr Philippa Roe Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson Cllr Katie Hall Cllr Peter Reeve	Coventry City Council Westminster City Council Portsmouth City Council Bath & North East Somerset Council Cambridgeshire County Council