

## Note of last LGA Leadership Board meeting

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**Title:** LGA Leadership Board  
**Date:** Thursday 11 December 2014  
**Venue:** Smith Square 1&2, Ground 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
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<b>1</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
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There were no declarations of interest

<b>2</b>	<b>The Local Government Finance Settlement for 2015/16</b>
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The Leadership Board received a report setting out what officers expected to see in the forthcoming Settlement and seeking agreement on the proposed approach for responding to the settlement.

Decisions

*The Leadership Board **agreed***

- *the main areas set out in the report; and*
- *that lead members of the Resources Board sign off the LGA's response to the 2015-16 Local Government Finance Settlement.*

Action

Officers to proceed as set out in the report. **Nicola Morton**

<b>3</b>	<b>LGA Political Balance - City of London and Isles of Scilly</b>
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Claire Holloway introduced a report proposing an amendment to the process of calculating the LGA's political balance to include the election results of the City of London and the Isles of Scilly.

Councillor Marianne Overton MBE, Leader of the Independent Group, paid tribute to officers who contributed to this piece of work.

Decision

*The Leadership Board **agreed** to include the election results of the City of London and the Isles of Scilly in the LGA's annual proportionality calculations.*

Action

Officers to amend the process for calculating the LGA's political balance to include the two councils from the 2015 elections. **Claire Holloway**

#### **4 LGA Associate Membership Scheme**

Claire Holloway, Head of Corporate Governance, introduced a report setting out proposals for the expansion of LGA membership beyond its current local authority base. Claire explained that the commercial review of the LGA, undertaken by Ernst & Young earlier in the year had identified the potential to expand membership. The General Assembly, at its July meeting, had agreed amendments to the Constitution to enable any public body to be admitted to membership.

Mayor Sir Steve Bullock, Chair of the Commercial Advisory Board, highlighted the benefits to the LGA and informed members that a report on the work of the Advisory Board would be brought to the Leadership Board in due course.

Decision

*The Leadership Board **agreed** the proposals set out in paragraphs 5-7 of the report.*

Action

Officers to take forward in accordance with the Boards decision. **Claire Holloway**

#### **5 Chief Executive's Monthly Report - December 2014**

Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the Chief Executive's report for December 2014.*

#### **6 LGA Executive Agenda**

Decision

*The Leadership Board **noted** the LGA Executive agenda for the following day.*

#### **7 LGA Forward Plan**

Members **noted** the Forward Plan for Leadership Board, Executive and Councillors' Forum, subject to the following changes:

LGA Executive

22 January 2015 Add: Peace Commission on Economic Growth.

LGA Executive

5 March 2015 Move: LGA Corporate Peer Challenge, currently scheduled for January 2015, to the March 2015 meeting.

Councillors' Forum

5 March 2015 Add: First 100 Days - presentation by the LGA's Group Leaders on the Political Parties' positions on the First 100 Days of a new government.

Action

Officers to amend the Forward Plan. **Claire Holloway**

**Part 2: Confidential**

**8 Note of the Last Meeting**

The Leadership Board **agreed** the note of the last meeting.

**9 LGA Banking Services Contract**

The Leadership Board **noted** the report and **approved** the recommendation.

**10 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge - self assessment [to follow]**

The Leadership Board **endorsed** the self-assessment subject to comments / amendments.

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr David Sparks OBE	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Vice-Chairman	Lord Gary Porter	South Holland District Council
	Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Portsmouth City Council
	Cllr Marianne Overton MBE	Lincolnshire County Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Jim McMahon OBE	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE	Stevenage Borough Council
	Mayor Sir Steve Bullock	Lewisham London Borough Council
	Cllr Keith Wakefield OBE	Leeds City Council
	Cllr Mike Jones	Cheshire West and Chester Council
	Cllr Philippa Roe	Westminster City Council
	Cllr David Hodge	Surrey County Council
	Cllr Neil Clarke MBE	Rushcliffe Borough Council

Members

Apologies

Mayor Dorothy Thornhill Watford Borough Council  
MBE

In Attendance

LGA Officers