

Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board

Agenda

Tuesday, 15 November 2016
11.00 am

Rooms A&B, Ground Floor, Layden House,
76-86 Turnmill Street, London, EC1M 5LG

To: Members of the Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board
cc: Named officers for briefing purposes

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We appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this time.

Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board
15 November 2016

There will be a meeting of the Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board at **11.00 am on Tuesday, 15 November 2016** Rooms A&B, Ground Floor, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London, EC1M 5LG.

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Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board – Membership 2016/2017

Councillor	Authority
Conservative (7)	
Cllr Martin Tett (Chairman)	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr Jason Ablewhite	Huntingdonshire District Council
Cllr Simon Cooke	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Steve Count	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Stephen Parnaby OBE	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Cllr Catherine Rankin	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Cllr David Westley	West Lancashire Borough Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Mark Mills-Bishop	Broxbourne Borough Council
Cllr Stephen Parker	Hart District Council
Cllr John Rest	North Norfolk District Council
Labour (7)	
Cllr Judith Blake (Vice-Chair)	Leeds City Council
Cllr Tony Newman	Croydon Council
Cllr Ed Turner	Oxford City Council
Cllr Alyson Barnes	Rossendale Borough Council
Cllr Gillian Campbell	Blackpool Council
Cllr Simon Greaves	Bassetlaw District Council
Mayor Marvin Rees	Bristol City Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Jon Clempner	Harlow District Council
Independent (2)	
Cllr Julian German (Deputy Chair)	Cornwall Council
Cllr Hugh Evans OBE	Denbighshire County Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Andrew Cooper	Kirklees Metropolitan Council
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Cllr Graham Whitham	Sutton London Borough Council
Cllr Anne Hawkesworth	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Rachel Eburne	Mid Suffolk District Council
Cllr Martin Fodor	Bristol City Council
Liberal Democrat (2)	
Cllr Keith House (Deputy Chair)	Eastleigh Borough Council
Cllr Adele Morris	Southwark Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Simon Galton	Harborough District Council

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Membership, Terms of Reference and Appointments to Outside Bodies

Purpose

For decision.

Summary

This report outlines the terms of reference and membership for the LGA's Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board for the 2016/17 meeting cycle. The report also outlines outside bodies to which the respective political groups are asked to appoint for the 2016/17 meeting cycle.

Recommendations

That the Board:

1. Formally note the terms of reference and membership for the LGA's Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board and the list of Board dates for 2016/17 (attached as **Appendices A, B and C** respectively).
2. Formally agree to the respective political groups appointing members to those bodies outlined in **Appendix D**, ensuring that the bodies to which they wish to appoint accurately reflect LGA priorities and political balance.

Action

Officers to request political groups to appoint representatives, and to inform outside bodies of any changes in, or confirm continuation of LGA representatives.

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Membership, Terms of Reference and Appointments to Outside Bodies

1. Members are invited to agree the Board's terms of reference for this year (attached as **Appendix A**). Members are asked to formally note the membership and the Board's Lead Members for 2016/17 (as detailed in **Appendix B**). In addition Members are asked to note the meeting dates for the 2016/17 cycle (attached as **Appendix C**).

EEHT outside body appointments

2. The LGA 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. A database for centrally recording all the information relating to appointments is held by the Member Services team.
3. A list of the organisations to which the Board will appoint member representatives for the 2016/17 meeting cycle is attached at **Appendix D**. Members are asked to agree to their respective political groups nominating representatives. Nominations are to be made in proportion with political representation across the LGA.
4. Political groups will be asked to **re-appoint** those councillors who are remaining in post. This is;
 - 4.1. Cllr Peter Fleming (Conservative) – National Fly-tipping Prevention Group
5. Political groups are asked to **appoint** councillors to current vacancies. These include;
 - 5.1. Planning Advisory Board – Conservative, Labour and Independent Member vacancies
 - 5.2. Canal and River Trust Council – 1 vacancy
 - 5.3. HS2 Environmental Forum – Labour member vacancy
6. The Board is also asked to note the removal of the HCA Rural Housing Advisory Board and the Climate Local Steering Group.

Financial Implications

7. 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.

Appendix A

Terms of Reference

1. The purpose of the Economy, Environment, Housing and Transport Board is to provide strategic oversight of the LGA's policy, regulatory and improvement activity in relation to the economy and environment, including transport, employment and skills, economic development and business support, housing, planning, waste and climate change, in line with the LGA priorities and any specific regulatory and LGA European lobbying priorities as they relate to this activity.
2. Boards should seek to involve councillors in supporting the delivery of these priorities (through task groups, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), regional networks and other means of wider engagement) operating as the centre of a network connecting to all councils and drawing on the expertise of key advisors from the sector.
3. The responsibilities of the Economy, Environment, Housing and Transport Board include:
 - 3.1. Ensuring the priorities of councils are fed into the business planning process.
 - 3.2. Developing a work programme to deliver the business plan priorities relevant to their brief, covering lobbying, campaigns, research, improvement support and events and linking with other boards where appropriate.
 - 3.3. Sharing good practice and ideas to stimulate innovation and improvement.
 - 3.4. Representing and lobbying on behalf of the LGA including making public statements on its areas of responsibility.
 - 3.5. Building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders.
 - 3.6. Involving representatives from councils in its work, through task groups, Commissions, SIGs, regional networks and mechanisms.
 - 3.7. Responding to specific issues referred to the Board by one or more member councils or groupings of councils.
4. The Environment and Housing Board may:
 - 4.1. Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with the Political Conventions.
 - 4.2. Appoint member champions from the Board to lead on key issues.

Quorum

5. One third of the members, provided that representatives of at least 2 political groups represented on the body are present.



Political Composition

6. The political composition of the board is as follows:

- 6.1. Conservative group: 7 members
- 6.2. Labour group: 7 members
- 6.3. Independent group: 2 members
- 6.4. Liberal Democrat group: 2 members

7. Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

Frequency per year

8. Meetings to be held five times per annum.

Reporting Accountabilities

9. The LGA Executive provides oversight of the Board. The Board may report periodically to the LGA Executive as required, and will submit an annual report to the Executive's July meeting.

Appendix B

Board Membership for 2016/17

Councillor

Authority

Conservative (7)

Cllr Martin Tett (Chairman)
Cllr Jason Ablewhite
Cllr Simon Cooke
Cllr Steve Count
Cllr Stephen Parnaby OBE
Cllr Catherine Rankin
Cllr David Westley

Buckinghamshire County Council
Huntingdonshire District Council
Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
West Lancashire Borough Council

Substitutes

Cllr Mark Mills-Bishop
Cllr Stephen Parker
Cllr John Rest *

Broxbourne Borough Council
Hart District Council
North Norfolk District Council

Labour (7)

Cllr Judith Blake (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Tony Newman
Cllr Ed Turner
Cllr Alyson Barnes
Cllr Gillian Campbell
Cllr Simon Greaves
Mayor Marvin Rees

Leeds City Council
Croydon Council
Oxford City Council
Rossendale Borough Council
Blackpool Council
Bassetlaw District Council
Bristol City Council

Substitutes

Cllr Jon Clempner

Harlow District Council

Independent (2)

Cllr Julian German (Deputy Chair)
Cllr Hugh Evans OBE

Cornwall Council
Denbighshire County Council

Substitutes

Cllr Andrew Cooper
Cllr Mike Haines
Cllr Graham Whitham
Cllr Anne Hawkesworth
Cllr Rachel Eburne
Cllr Martin Fodor

Kirklees Council
Teignbridge District Council
Sutton London Borough Council
Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Mid Suffolk District Council
Bristol City Council

Liberal Democrat (2)

Cllr Keith House (Deputy Chair)
Cllr Adele Morris

Eastleigh Borough Council
Southwark Council

Substitutes

Cllr Simon Galton

Harborough District Council



Appendix C

Meeting Dates 2016/17

DAY	DATE	TIME	Room
Tuesday	15 November 2016	11.00 – 13.00	Rooms A&B, Layden House
Thursday	5 January 2017	11.00 – 13.00	Rooms A&B, Layden House
Friday	17 March 2017	11.00 – 13.00	TBC
Wednesday	24 May 2017	11.00 – 13.00	Rooms A&B, Layden House
Wednesday	19 July 2017	11.00 – 13.00	TBC

Appendix D

Outside Bodies

Organisation	Background	Representatives 2015/16	Proposed Representatives 2016/17
Planning Advisory Service Board	<p>The PAS Governance Board was set up to provide sector leadership to ensure the support offered by PAS is responsive to councils' needs and supports exchange of good practice. The aim is to support on-going improvement in plan making and decision taking including helping councils to avoid designation on performance on major applications. The Board consists of the LGA, DCLG Directors and representatives of SOLACE, ADEPT and the Planning Officers Society.</p> <p>LGA officer contact:</p> <p>Alice Lester (PAS) alice.lester@local.gov.uk</p>	<p>Representatives (4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Martin Tett, Buckinghamshire CC (Con) • Labour member vacancy • Cllr John Northcott (Ind) Mole Valley District Council • Cllr Adele Morris (Lib Dem) Southwark Council <p>Substitute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr David Westley (Con) West Lancashire BC 	<p>Representatives (4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Stephen Parker, Hart DC (Con) • Labour member vacancy • Independent member vacancy • Liberal Democrat member vacancy <p>Substitute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancy
National Fly-tipping prevention group (NFTPG)	<p>The NFTPG is a group of organisations working with a common aim: coming up with solutions to the problem of fly-tipping. Chaired by the Environment Agency, membership includes regulatory bodies, Government departments and organisations with a wide</p>	<p>Representative (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Peter Fleming (Con) Sevenoaks DC 	<p>Representative (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Peter Fleming (Con) Sevenoaks DC

	<p>membership of landowners and land managers.</p> <p>Outside contact: flytipping@defra.gsi.gov.uk</p>		
Canal & River Trust Council	<p>Canals and rivers managed by British Waterways in England and Wales, transferred to a charitable trust - now named Canal & River Trust - in April 2012. Within the governance structure of the Trust, a Council has a remit to safeguard the long-term values and purposes of the Trust. The Council helps to shape policy, raise and debate issues, and provide guidance, perspective and a sounding board for Trustees. The full Council will meet two times a year.</p> <p>Outside contact: council@canalrivertrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Representative (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jim Harker (Con) Northamptonshire County Council 	<p>Representative (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancy
HS2 Environmental Forum	<p>Forum for Government departments and statutory bodies to advise on environmental policy for the HS2 project.</p> <p>LGA officer contact: Kamal Panchal kamal.panchal@local.gov.uk</p> <p>Outside contact:</p>	<p>Representatives (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Martin Tett, Buckinghamshire CC (Con) • Labour member vacancy 	<p>Representatives (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Martin Tett, Buckinghamshire CC (Con) • Labour member vacancy

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Appointments to LGA bodies

Proportionality Figures 2016 / 2017

Members are asked to ensure that appointments for 2016/17 are in broad proportionality with the 18 Member political group makeup of the Board, which is as follows:

7 Labour, 7 Conservative, 2 Independent, 2 Liberal Democrat.



Board Priorities and Work Programme

Purpose

For discussion and direction.

Summary

This report sets out a draft list of priorities for the Board together with a draft work programme for the period to July 2017. A draft work programme is set out in **Appendix A**.

Recommendation

That the Board considers and agrees a final version of the Board's priorities and work programme

Action

Officers will take action as directed.

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Board Priorities and Work Programme

Background

1. The EEHT Board in liaison with the LGA's Leadership Board is responsible for establishing LGA policy and lobbying positions in relation to the Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport. This is a very wide brief and members have found it helpful to prioritise their work to be effective and achieve the best outcomes for the local government sector.
2. The events of the last few months, including the EU referendum vote and the establishment of, in all practical senses, a new government under the leadership of Theresa May, provide opportunities and challenges for the LGA to support councils to meet their objectives.

Draft priorities and work programme

3. In prioritising, the Board will want to be aware of the issues that are being raised by councils and the government's own priorities. The Board will also want to make a judgement on where it can make the most significant contribution.
4. At this time there appears to be consensus on the big issues to be addressed, both at a national and local level. As the government prepares for an Autumn Statement on 23 November, housing and how to ensure that investment in infrastructure deliver's quick returns to the economy are high on the agenda. These are well aligned with the LGA's own priorities and are within the scope of the EEHT Board.
5. The other key issue for government is the response to the EU referendum. Councils want to benefit from any opportunities and are keen to mitigate any negative impacts. A significant number of service areas that are influenced/directed by EU regulations come within the scope of the EEHT board.
6. Reflecting on these points a list of potential Board priorities are:
 - 6.1. Housing
 - 6.2. Responding to the outcome of the EU referendum (Brexit)
 - 6.3. Waste and recycling policy
 - 6.4. Transport including (infrastructure investment)
 - 6.5. Economic development (including the industrial strategy and infrastructure investment)
 - 6.6. Flooding (Including Infrastructure Investment)
7. A draft work programme covering these areas is set out in **Appendix A**.

Next steps

8. Members are asked to:
 - 8.1. Consider and agree a final version of the Board's priorities and work programme.

Appendix A

Draft Work Programme

Priority	Key outcomes	Board Activity	Timescales
Housing and Planning	Council role in building more homes recognised in government policy	Continue to influence the development of the government's White paper and subsequent legislation. Sponsor improvement work in this area	March 2017
	A better funded, proactive planning system delivering homes that communities need	To continue to press government for local determination of planning fees Pursuing mechanisms for capturing uplift in land values for investment in infrastructure	March 2017
	Achieve a greater focus on preventing homelessness and improving the way vulnerable people and those in crisis are housed	Work to ensure that the Homelessness Recognition Bill becomes an Act in a way that best meets the need of the homeless. Sponsor improvement work in this area	July 2017
	Further mitigate the worst impacts of the Housing and Planning Bill through the secondary legislation phase in areas such as starter homes and pay to stay	Work with Ministers and Officials to find workable ways to implement this legislation.	July 2017

Brexit	Councils maximise the opportunities and mitigate risks	The Board to work with Councils and government to understand opportunities and risks in those areas under its remit.	March 2017
Waste and recycling	Local authorities have the freedom to collect and dispose of waste in the way that is best suited to their residents.	A short review of LGA policy in these areas	July 2017
Transport	Increased certainty and greater flexibility of transport funding and recognition of the value of investing to address the pothole problem.	Lobbying through the Autumn statement	November 2013
	Improve congestion through the full enacting of TMA part 6 in order for councils to enforce rules designed to keep traffic moving.	Lobbying through the Buses Bill	November 2013
	Improved bus services by all areas having automatic rights to bus franchising powers.	Lobbying through the Buses Bill	
Economy	Establishing a credible option for post 2020 successor to regional aid	Working closely with the LGA Resources Board to establish options and lobby government	July 2017

	<p>That a future industrial strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •recognise the importance of place. •gives Local leaders control over growth related funding. •reflects local economic needs, and therefore ensuring skills and labour supply which meet employers' current or future skills gaps and shortages. 	Continue to refine the LGA's position on the industrial strategy and to work with Ministers in securing an effective outcome for local areas	July 2017
Flooding	<p>Achieve increased local leadership and flexibility in the current approach to flood risk management, with devolved capital and revenue funding, so that it is spent in ways that better reflect the needs of local areas</p> <p>Areas to be able to use precepts as a mechanism for increasing funding where there is local agreement Councils to be able to set charges to enable full cost-recovery of statutory duties.</p>	Achieved through continuing discussions with government through the Autumn Statement and beyond.	July 2017

Waste, Recycling and Flooding Update

Purpose

For discussion and decision.

Summary

This report provides an update on waste, recycling and flooding issues which have happened since the last Board paper in June 2015. Councils are under increasing financial pressure which is starting to have direct impact on areas such as Environmental Services. These services could also be directly impacted by Brexit discussions. Members are therefore asked to review the lobbying approaches outlined in this report.

Recommendations

Members to consider:

1. The LGA's position on consistency across waste and recycling services.
2. If the LGA should investigate future options for how waste and recycling services could be funded including our position on landfill tax.
3. How to take forward the approach to producer responsibility.
4. If they are satisfied with the LGA's current approach to flooding.

Action

Officer to take action as directed by members.

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Waste, Recycling and Flooding Update

Meeting EU Recycling Targets

Background

1. In December 2015 the European Commission published a new circular economy package. The Commission's proposal included an action plan for the circular economy and the revision of four directives on waste:
 - 1.1. The waste framework directive
 - 1.2. Directive on packaging and packaging waste
 - 1.3. Directive on landfill
 - 1.4. Directive on electrical and electronic waste
2. The legislative proposals on waste, adopted together with the action plan, include long term targets to reduce landfilling and to increase preparation for reuse and recycling of key waste streams such as municipal waste and packaging waste. It also includes the revision of a certain number of targets in the European waste legislation with the objective to increase recycling rates in Europe and achieve a change of production and consumption patterns so as to consider waste as a resource.

Issues

3. Europe currently loses around 600 million tonnes of materials contained in waste each year, which could potentially be recycled or re-used. Only around 40% of the waste produced by EU households is recycled, with recycling rates as high as 80% in some areas, and lower than 5% in others. The European Commission's proposals suggest a number of challenging waste and recycling targets:
 - 3.1. A common EU target for recycling 65% of municipal waste by 2030
 - 3.2. A common EU target for recycling 75% of packaging waste by 2030
 - 3.3. A binding landfill target to reduce landfill to maximum of 10% of all waste by 2030
4. Failure to reach these targets could lead to EU infraction fines.
5. The current household recycling rate in England is 43.5 per cent and has been broadly flat for three years. 73% of UK packaging waste is either recycled or recovered and 26% of waste ends up in landfill. Achieving the targets on municipal waste and landfill will represent an enormous challenge for councils. The pursuit of existing EU waste targets since 2000 has required a doubling of spend by English authorities to £3.28 billion. This makes collection and disposal of waste and recycling the third highest cost service for English local authorities. Our estimates show that current spending on waste by English authorities would need to increase significantly to include additional collection services (in particular organic waste) just to meet the existing 50% target. Increased levels of ambition in recycling performance will become progressively more expensive to achieve above the existing target level.
6. When looking at our European neighbours we can see that the UK's performance at recycling and managing waste has significantly improved since 2001. In 2001 we were rated 16 out of 32 European countries by the European Environment Agency (EEA). By 2010 we had moved up to 9th place demonstrating the fastest increase in recycling rates

across Europe along with Ireland. Throughout this period Austria, Germany and Belgium have been the top performers.

7. Reflecting on what the top European performers do, it is not clear that adopting any one single action would quickly help us to improve our recycling rates. A very simplistic piece of analysis we have done suggests that whatever action councils decide to take there will be a significant cost attached to achieving the level of progress required. To achieve a 1% increase in recycling rates could cost around £12m which would amount to around £240m to go from 45% to 65%¹

Consistency of council waste and recycling collection services

Background

8. DEFRA has set up a cross sector advisory group to advise on developing greater consistency on waste and recycling services. The LGA is a member of this group, along with local authority officer networks and stakeholders from the waste and packaging industry. DEFRA has indicated that the brief for consistency covers all parts of the waste life cycle, not just council collection services. It believes that national models of waste collection services will increase recycling rates and save councils money.
9. The recycling charity Wrap, backed by Defra, has developed a voluntary framework focussed on delivering greater consistency on the materials collected by councils for recycling and the type of containers used. They are promoting the idea that all councils should adopt one of three standard collection systems. They believe this would drive up recycling rates and could save money in the longer term by increasing revenue from the sale of recycled materials.
10. The LGA position is that waste and recycling collection services are a local decision for councils. Councils have already made significant investment in waste and recycling services and the responsibility for increasing recycling rates must sit with all stakeholders, not just council tax payers. Whilst this is recognised, Defra are keen to pursue a goal of moving councils to a consistent set of waste and recycling services.
11. Members are asked to consider how our lobbying work around consistency should progress by addressing the following questions:
 - 11.1. Do we want to support Defra's general concept of consistency that all councils should be working towards offering their residents more universal waste and recycling services?
 - 11.2. Should we maintain the lobbying position that although consistency is something that the sector should work towards over time, local authorities must retain the freedom to collect waste in the way that is best suited to their residents?

¹ This figure is based on comparing change in expenditure over 2010-11 – 2014/15 with change in recycling rate. There are a range of technical considerations which it has not been possible to factor in and may affect the figures.

Future funding

12. The collection and disposal of waste and recycling is the third highest cost service for English local authorities. In the current financial climate it is unlikely that councils will in the future be able to increase their levels of investment in these services. There have been no indications from Government that any new funds will be available for this service area in the near future.
13. The Board is asked to consider whether:
 - 13.1. The LGA should investigate future options for how waste and recycling services could be funded. Schemes such as pay as you throw or paying for certain types of collection i.e. garden waste give councils greater scope to raise their own funds? Should this be a model all councils look at?
 - 13.2. We continue to lobby government to enable landfill tax to be redistributed as originally intended via the Revenue Support Grant.
14. Historically the LGA has taken the position that producers of waste should take greater responsibility for the cost of collecting and disposing it. We have gone as far as asking for “a minimum 50 per cent producer contribution by 2025 and a full cost contribution to the costs of waste collection and disposal by 2030”. It has been challenging to make any significant progress along these lines.
15. There is scope for us to consider an approach where we work more directly with the producers and try to understand their needs whilst communicating our own requirements. We may want to consider what the long term impact on local waste services would be if producers were to play a greater role in funding collection and disposal. EU waste proposals include the adoption of extended producer responsibility although details are not yet clear.
16. Members are asked to consider if they want to:
 - 16.1. Maintain the current line around producer responsibility and how this should be taken forward.

Update on the judicial review of the VAT exemption on commercial waste services

17. The Board will recall last year receiving an update on the judicial review of the VAT exemption on commercial waste services being undertaken by the Durham Company. HMRC and Treasury are defending the position that council commercial waste services should be exempt from VAT and the LGA are supporting HMRC as an interested party because of the potential financial impact on councils operating a commercial waste service.
18. The judicial review cleared the first hurdle in September, as the High Court judge ruled that the special legal regime is legal and rejected the private waste company’s challenge to HMRC, the Treasury and the LGA as an interested party. The LGA supported the court case through expert legal advice and by providing a set of detailed written witness statements from councils.

19. A second part of the case will consider whether the VAT exemption is causing distortion of the commercial waste market. The High Court will also consider an appeal of the judge's decision to uphold the VAT exemption. Further work will be done with HMRC and the LGA's legal team to decide what resources will be needed from LGA for the defence. The outcome of these discussions will be put to the LGA's Senior Management Team for review as soon as possible.

Flooding

20. Extreme weather conditions continue to provide a challenge for both national and local government. December 2015 was no exception with widespread flooding across the north of England affecting more than 21,000 flooded properties. Work commissioned by the Committee on Climate Change² also projects increased damage from flooding under a number of scenarios in the years to come.
21. A number of reports have been published following the 2015 floods. The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee 'Future Flood Prevention' report called for a new model for managing flood risk; wider scale adoption of natural flood risk management measures across catchments and more assistance from government to help communities and individuals cope with and recover from flooding.
22. Key actions in the National Flood Resilience Review report published in September included a commitment to £12.5 million for new temporary flood defences; a commitment for utility companies' to increase protection of key local infrastructure, including phone networks and water treatment works; a new stress test of the risk of flooding from rivers and the sea as well as a commitment for Met Office forecasts of extreme rainfall scenarios to be linked with Environment Agency modelling to provide a new assessment of flood risk.
23. The government has committed to a 6-year £2.3 billion flood defence programme up to 2021. There is an opportunity for local government to influence the way funding for flood risk is structured post-2021, as well as exploring how we might increase flexibility in the approach to funding for flood defences up to 2021.
24. In our Autumn Statement submission we have called for capital and revenue funding for flood defence projects to be devolved into a single, place-based pot to allow local areas to support a more diverse set of outcomes.
25. Further recommendations in our submission focus on ensuring local authorities responsibilities for local flood risk management are adequately resourced including:
- 25.1. Land drainage consent fees to be set locally. Currently the nationally set £50 does not cover processing costs.
- 25.2. Councils' new statutory consultee role for surface water drainage to be fully funded. ADEPT commissioned research showed that the average cost of delivering this role is £65,000 and the new burdens funding was approximately £13,000.

² [UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017](#)

- 25.3. Funding for local flood risk management should also be boosted by extending precepting powers (as agreed in Somerset) where there is local agreement.
- 25.4. Investing any surplus levy from the Flood Re insurance scheme into preventing damage before it happens.
- 26. During severe weather events our strategy is to work with councils to help them respond to immediate challenges, liaise with the media to highlight the work that councils are doing to support communities as well as working with councils and government departments to ensure adequate response and recovery funding support.
- 27. Members are asked to consider whether they are satisfied with the current approach to flooding?

Next steps

- 28. Members are asked to consider:
 - 28.1. Coming to a position on consistency around waste and recycling.
 - 28.2. Whether we should maintain the lobbying position that although consistency is something that the sector should work towards over time, local authorities must retain the freedom to collect waste in the way that is best suited to their residents?
 - 28.3. Recommend if the LGA should investigate future options for how waste and recycling services could be funded.
 - 28.4. Indicate if we should continue to lobby government to enable landfill tax to be redistributed as originally intended via the Revenue Support Grant.
 - 28.5. Review the position on producer responsibility and how this should be taken forward.
 - 28.6. Consider whether they are satisfied with the current approach to flooding.



Housing, Planning and Homelessness Update

Purpose

For discussion and direction.

Summary

This report summarises recent and forthcoming housing, planning and homelessness activity and seeks Board direction on priority issues moving forward. An Executive Summary of the Housing Commission Final Report can be found at **Appendix A**.

Recommendation

That Members consider the report and provide comment and steer on paragraphs 4, 8, and 11.

Action

Officers to take action as directed.

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Housing, Planning and Homelessness Update

Background

1. Housing is a priority for the Government and local government. The Local Government Association (LGA) has sought to influence housing policy and practice in a number of ways. This paper summarises some of the continuing activity and seeks the Board's steer on the future direction of LGA work, including:
 - 1.1. Housing White Paper and Autumn Statement
 - 1.2. Housing and Planning Act implementation
 - 1.3. Homelessness Reduction Bill progress and implementation

Housing White Paper and Autumn Statement

2. The Government will publish its Autumn Statement on 23 November and we anticipate that a Housing White Paper will be published shortly afterwards.
3. The LGA has taken forward ideas introduced by the LGA Housing Commission's preliminary findings¹ and Autumn Statement submission² with the Government, councils and partners. The report and subsequent work has been well received by partners and the Government, and some of the LGA's asks may be reflected in forthcoming announcements.
4. The Board's comments and steer are sought on:
 - 4.1. A summary of draft recommendations of the final Housing Commission, and the aim to publish the report in advance of Housing White Paper. The full draft report will be sent for comments and clearance following the Board meeting. The Executive Summary is set out in **Appendix A**.
 - 4.2. Supporting sector led improvement in housing - working with LGA Improvement, Local Partnerships and other partners - to help support councils to share learning and experiences in delivering housing growth in their areas.
 - 4.3. The priority areas around which the LGA can develop a proactive policy case for change, taking into account the Housing White Paper. Following discussions with the sector through the Housing Commission, it is proposed that the LGA focus lobbying efforts on:
 - 4.3.1. Housing Revenue Account freedoms and flexibilities to build more homes.
 - 4.3.2. Support for councils to explore and scale up new routes for investing in directly building new homes.
 - 4.3.3. Tools for councils to incentivise developers to build out sites more quickly.

¹ [Building our homes, communities and future: preliminary findings of the housing commission](#), LGA, 2016

² [Growth and opportunities for all: local solutions to national challenges](#), LGA, 2016

- 4.3.4. Additional powers to speed up land assembly and to engage other public agencies on land disposal.
- 4.3.5. Resourcing of planning departments, including allowing councils to set planning fees locally to cover costs.
- 4.3.6. Establishing a stable national policy environment for locally led planning services.
- 4.3.7. Funding infrastructure to deliver housing growth, for instance through devolution, capturing uplift in land values, review of Community Infrastructure Levy.
- 4.3.8. Establishing a clear, robust and transparent viability procedure to ensure the delivery of a mix of affordable housing needed in areas.
- 4.3.9. Powers to establish and run Development Corporations to increase housing growth through garden villages and towns where meeting local need.
- 4.3.10. Sustainable funding model that enables councils and housing associations to increase in the supply of specialised housing.

Housing and Planning Act implementation

5. The Government has been working on regulations that will set out the details to deliver elements of the Housing and Planning Act, this includes separate sets of regulations on:
 - 5.1. The forced sale of higher value council homes to fund the extension of the Right to Buy.
 - 5.2. The mandatory rents for high income social tenants, and; starter homes.
6. It is unclear when the Government will publish regulations or other further details, though the Housing White Paper and Autumn Statement offer opportunities to do so. We understand new Ministers have taken the opportunity to look again at the policies in light of their emphasis on increasing housing supply across all tenures.
7. There are a number of risks to councils and their communities associated with these policies. The LGA has continued to engage with the Government to take forward the sector's position, and is a member of the technical working groups alongside some councils. The LGA's position has been that:
 - 7.1. Forced sale of higher value council homes³, is made voluntary and that councils retain 100 per cent of sales and, if this is not achieved, has minimal financial impact on council Housing Revenue Accounts, and protects the supply of social housing in order to fulfil their wider housing and homelessness duties

³ [Implementation of forced sale of council homes briefing](#), LGA, 2016

- 7.2. Mandatory rents for high income social tenants⁴, is made voluntary as it will be the case for housing associations and, if this is not achieved, that implementation is delayed by at least a year to allow for effective implementation, and that all administrative costs are fully reimbursed
- 7.3. Starter homes⁵, offers councils maximum flexibility to determine the mix of affordable housing products negotiated in section 106 agreements, and seeking flexibility on the definition to include other low cost home ownership products like rent to buy.
8. The Board's comments and steer are sought on LGA activity once regulations are published, it is proposed that the LGA:
 - 8.1. Continue to privately engage Ministers and officials as they consider how policies will be implemented.
 - 8.2. Undertake rapid analysis of the implications of regulations on councils and their wider housing and homelessness duties once regulations are published.
 - 8.3. Work with Parliamentarians and the Government in seeking to influence the impact of regulations on councils and their wider housing and homelessness duties.

Homelessness Reduction Bill

9. The Homelessness Reduction Bill is a Private Members Bill that is likely to become law in some form as it has cross-party support including from the Government.
10. The Bill proposes extending the duties on councils with the aim of preventing homelessness⁶. Measures include extending the period during which a council should treat someone as threatened as homeless, a new duty to prevent homeless for all eligible applicants threatened and to relieve for all eligible homeless applicants.
11. The Board's comments and steer is sought on the LGA's activity as the Bill progresses. It is proposed the LGA:
 - 11.1. Make the wider case for reforms that increase the supply of suitable housing and the incomes of households in order to deliver the collective ambition to prevent homelessness.
 - 11.2. Seek to ensure that councils are fully funded to deliver the additional responsibilities the Bill will create if it becomes law, and that funding responds to changes in demand over time.
 - 11.3. Influence the development of the Bill as it progresses to ensure that the legislation does not have unintended consequences for councils focus on prevention or the financial sustainability of services.

⁴ [Implementation of mandatory rents for high income social tenants](#), LGA, 2016

⁵ [LGA response to technical consultation on starter homes](#), LGA, 2016

⁶ [Homeless Reduction Bill Second Reading Briefing](#), LGA, 2016

- 11.4. Work with LGA improvement colleagues, the Government and partners to support councils to develop and exchange good practice in order to meet duties and respond to future homelessness demand.

Next Steps

12. Next steps are set in the sections above.

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General Update

Purpose

For discussion.

Summary

This report provides updates on a number of areas of work within the EEHT work programme which do not appear elsewhere on the agenda. It also includes a summary of Cllr Martin Tett's recent Ministerial meetings.

Recommendation

That the Board note the updates included in the report.

Action

Any actions to be taken forward as directed by members.

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General Update

Buses and the Bus Services Bill

1. In October, the Bus Services Bill had its Report Stage debates, where peers supported amendments which would give all local areas access to franchising powers, not just Mayoral Combined Authorities and also succeeded in an amendment to remove Clause 21 from the Bill which attempted to prevent new instances of council ownership of bus companies. The LGA helped to plan these amendments and actively supported them. Peers also supported an amendment which seeks to ensure local authorities have the power to enforce moving traffic offences, as part of an advanced quality partnership scheme. We have supported the call for all councils to have enforcement powers to deal with moving traffic offences to help improve the reliability and punctuality of buses, making them a more attractive mode of travel. We have sent the Minister proposals for how such powers could work outside London and we are awaiting a response from the Department for Transport.
2. The LGA also submitted evidence to the Transport Committee's enquiry into the Bus Services Bill – making the case for universal access to automatic franchising powers, for BSOG funding reforms, moving traffic offences enforcement powers and stating our disagreement on the clause that would prevent the creation of new municipal bus companies.
3. The Bus Services Bill is expected to move to the House of Commons before Christmas recess and receive Royal Assent by April 2017. In order to help councils prepare and pursue new opportunities through reformed buses legislation the LGA are organising a national buses conference to take place at Layden House on 15th February 2017. Members of the EEHT Board are encouraged to attend and further details can be found [here](#).

Clean Air Zones consultation

4. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) have launched a consultation on the implementation of Clean Air Zones (CAZs) in England. Clean Air Zones are areas where action is focussed to improve air quality and the cleanest vehicles are encouraged. They are the principle measure as set out in the Government's national plan to reduce nitrogen dioxide emissions and concentrations. CAZs can be both charging and non-charging and either varieties can be implemented by councils. Local authorities are already able to introduce a Clean Air Zone under powers within the Transport Act 2000 with Secretary of State approval. Part III of the Act empowers local authorities (as "charging authorities") to make a local charging scheme in respect of the use or keeping of motor vehicles on roads. The Government is, however, also proposing to make use of powers under section 87 of the Environment Act 1995, to require local authorities in five English cities (Birmingham, Derby, Leeds, Nottingham and Southampton) to use their Transport Act powers to implement Clean Air Zones.
5. LGA officers are meeting with officials representing the 5 cities and 3 other places that may consider a CAZ on a voluntary basis on the 9th November to help inform the LGA's response to Defra's consultation, which will include positions already established by the Board. The LGA has previously stated that:

- 5.1. Councils should not have solutions imposed on them but that Government should work with affected places to reduce emissions and impact from poor air quality.
 - 5.2. More policy powers, such as moving traffic offences enforcement, and funding powers (e.g. to promote bus and sustainable forms of travel) be devolved to councils so that they can do more to manage traffic emissions and congestion.
 - 5.3. The Government should incentivise a move away from the most harmful cars and consider what contribution vehicle manufacturers should make to the cost of reducing nitrogen dioxide pollution.
6. More recently, members may have read in the media about the High Court case between ClientEarth and the Government where the Government's national plan was judged to be illegally poor. The Prime Minister has said "We now recognise that Defra has to look at the judgement made by the courts and we now have to look again at the proposals we will bring forward. Nobody in this house doubts the importance of the issue of air quality. We have taken action, there is more to do and we will do it." LGA officers will monitor developments and update EEHT members as necessary.

Industrial Strategy

7. The LGA gave [written evidence](#) to the BIS Committee's inquiry into the Government's industrial strategy in early October. The inquiry launch follows the inclusion of the term "industrial strategy" into the Department for Business's name and an indication from the new Prime Minister, Theresa May, that her government will explicitly intervene to support certain parts of the economy. In summary, our response calls for:
- 7.1. The strategy to remain neither a static document nor be driven top-down from Whitehall, but should reflect the geographic and economic diversity of the UK.
 - 7.2. National government, in order to be successful, to work in partnership with local councils within the framework provided by devolution.
 - 7.3. The strategy to reflect that devolved governance arrangements have the potential to underpin an industrial strategy that takes proper account of the geographic and sectoral complexities of the national economy.
 - 7.4. Local leaders to be provided with much greater powers and flexibility over growth related funding to respond to the needs of their local economies and that such funding and powers do not bypass councils and local partners.
 - 7.5. The opportunity is taken to gear public funds to local economic needs, and therefore ensuring skills and labour supply which meet employers' current or future skills gaps and shortages.
 - 7.6. Once existing pressures and responsibilities have been fully funded, proposals for the full retention business rates income should prioritise the finance of devolved responsibilities linked to driving economic growth in local areas.
 - 7.7. The responsibilities, funding and geography of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), properly recognise local government's unique role in leading academic and private

sector partners to secure place-based outcomes, and that the default responsibility for any future government funding for local growth, such as the Local Growth Fund, should be combined authorities and councils.

Ministerial Meetings

8. Cllr Martin Tett has had a series of successful meetings with various Ministers and Government officials since taking up his positions as Chairman of EEHT. These include;
9. Meeting with Rt Hon Andrew Jones MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport.
 - 9.1. Cllr Tett had a positive introductory meeting with the PUSoS for Transport, Andrew Jones MP, where he took the opportunity to discuss priority transport issues of concern to the Board. This included the Bus Services Bill, tackling congestion and funding for local transport. On buses Cllr Tett restated our view that whilst we felt the Bill would help bus provision we felt that it fell short of being maximum help to all places, and that funding reforms would be required to maintain even current levels of services given continued financial pressures on council budgets. On congestion, the Minister said he would consider our proposals on how councils could implement moving traffic offences enforcement powers (Part 6 Traffic Management Act 2004) and will reply back in due course. As well as insufficient funding for buses and local roads maintenance, Cllr Tett also raised the issue of the fragmented nature of funding for local transport and growth more generally and how this made securing resources to improve connectivity for local people much more difficult and inefficient. He asked if the Minister would be able to consider these issues in his Department's contribution to the Autumn Statement.
10. Meeting with Rt Hon Gavin Barwell MP, Minister for Housing and Planning
 - 10.1. Cllr Tett recently met with the Minister for Housing and Planning to discuss matters of mutual concern to both the Department for Communities and Local Government and the LGA. These included the importance of resourcing planning departments, supporting local authorities to build homes outside their Housing Revenue Accounts, diversifying the types of developers engaged in construction, kick-starting development of those sites which have already received planning permission, the provision of public land for housebuilding, as well as the importance of delivering housing for a range of different needs locally. The Chairman and the Minister agreed to continue working on priority areas, including regular future meetings.
11. Meeting with Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity
 - 11.1. Finally, Cllr Tett met with Lord Gardiner to discuss common priorities between the LGA and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Cllr Tett and the Minister discussed concerns around connectivity, especially regarding the last 5% of people who don't have access to broadband. Cllr Tett raised the possibility of looking at planning law so that broadband services are automatically included in any new build planning applications, as well as using both cellular and fixed line services to deliver an overall increase in coverage. Concerning litter, Cllr Tett stressed the budgetary pressures around litter and both sides agreed to try and

work more closely on this issue. This meeting also included animal welfare, where both parties were keen to ensure that reforms to the animal licensing system reflects council priorities.

12. Meeting with the National Joint Utilities Group CEO Bob Gallienne

- 12.1. Cllr Tett also met with the Bob Gallienne and Jane Smith, respectively the CEO and Head of Public Affairs of the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) which is the UK Trade Association representing utilities and their contractors on streetworks issues. In my meeting Cllr Tett emphasised the importance councils place on minimising the disruption caused by street works. NJUG wishes to work closely with the LGA to highlight and encourage best practice. The Chairman made it clear that he feels the LGA's relationship is that of a critical friend. We share the utilities providers desire to minimise the amount of times of streets are dug up whilst acknowledging that this will be a key challenge given the growth in population and house building the UK is forecast to see. Cllr Tett stated that all parties must work in more intelligent and more collaborative ways in order to ensure that our roads are not gridlocked by constant streetworks nor our road surfaces destroyed by repeated reopening and reinstatement. It is also incumbent on the utilities sector that all of their works reach the right standard first time. It is clear that there is significant overlap between what councils want to see and what utilities and contractors want. We should work on this common ground in order to ensure that street works are minimised.

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Note of last Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board meeting

Title:	Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board
Date:	Thursday 2 June 2016
Venue:	Westminster Suite, 8th Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Declarations of Interest	
	<p>The Chair welcomed board members and led a tribute and minutes silence to former EEHT board member Cllr John Northcott who passed away on the 21st March 2016.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
2	Major Roads for the Future - David Quarmby	
	<p>The Chair welcomed the guest speakers David Quarmby and Phil Carey from the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund, and introduced the item asking members to highlight any issues or concerns they may have with the report's core propositions, and any areas where there is a shared ambition with local government.</p> <p>David Quarmby and Phil Carey gave a brief summary of the key propositions posited in the report including the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study has engaged with a great number of key stakeholders including LEPs and subnational transport bodies, and is keen to gain input and support from local government. • The UK economy depends on the roads network and it is vital that many local government controlled roads are included in the Major Road's Network (MRN) alongside those under the jurisdiction of Highways England. • There is a vast funding gap in major roads investment which needs addressing. • The report suggests that power over local government controlled roads classified as major roads, remain with local government, with increased funding, and that the programme be integrated with the devolution agenda for transport. • The report has added approx. 3600 miles of roads to the Strategic 	

Roads Network to be reclassified as the MRN. The goal of which, is to create an integrated network that takes full account of: users' needs, economic growth, expanding traffic volumes, quality asset management and funding needs, environmental concerns, and changing technology such as self-drive cars.

In the discussion that followed, board members raised the following points:

- The board asked the question 'how are the propositions expected to be received among ministers?' In response the speakers stated that while they have not engaged directly with ministers, the Department of Transport is close to the project and provides a lot of support and encouragement to take the proposals forward and engage with stakeholders.
- The board note that in many areas governance arrangements are in transformation in response to devolution. The speakers responded, stating that they are attempting to design a sustainable system which can work across authorities and outlive current changes outlined in the devolution agenda.
- The board asked the speakers for a more detailed map of the Major Roads' Network. The speakers agreed that one would be included in the final report.
- The board questioned the criteria used to designate a road a major road, and suggested that local government could play a role in this designation process. The speakers responded by stating that the criteria and designation process is a fluid process which can and should be adapted to suit changing variables and new evidence.
- The board raised concerns over the environmental impacts of further investment into roads in response to this report. The speakers acknowledged the importance of this, and reassured the board that environmental impacts are a key element in the report propositions.

The Chair thanked the speakers for their time, and it was agreed that the LGA would engage with Rees Jeffreys over the next few months as the report is finalised.

Decision

1. The board noted the The Rees Jeffreys Road Fund proposals on the MRN.
2. The board endorsed any further input by LGA officials to help shape the proposition.

3 End of Year Report

The Chair introduced the report and asked the board to consider and comment on the board's activities over the 2015/16 period.

In the discussion that followed, board members raised the following points:

- The board applauded the hard work of officers over the last year and the boards influence on the LGA line, especially with regard to the housing bill.
- The board asked that in item 4 of the report, a line be added to the housing bill text reflecting the difficulties communities and local authorities will still incur as a result of the housing bill despite the amendments won.
- Members asked that the board's forward priorities (item 13) include work on the implementation of the housing and planning act.

Decision

The board noted the report.

Action

Officers to implement the above mentioned changes to item 4 and 13.

4 Update Report

Decision

The board noted the report.

5 Minutes of the previous meeting

Decision

The board noted the report.

Action

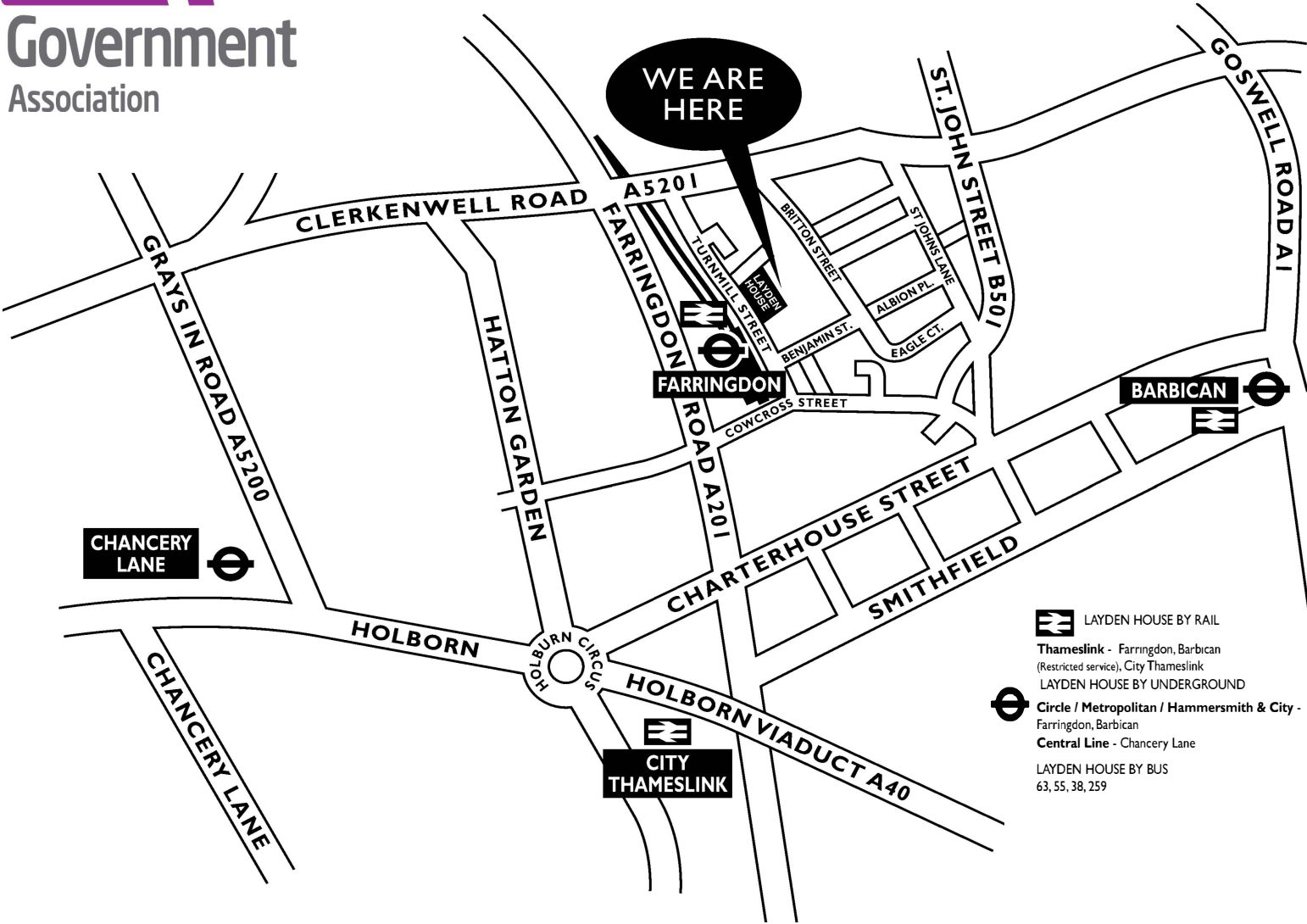
Cllr Andy Hull's attendance records to be updated to reflect his full attendance in the 2015/16 cycle.

6 LGA conference paper on devolution

7 Emerging outcomes of the Housing Commission

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Peter Box CBE	Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Vice-Chairman		
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Keith House	Eastleigh Borough Council
Members	Cllr Steve Count	Cambridgeshire County Council
	Cllr Jim Harker OBE	Northamptonshire County Council
	Cllr Jason Ablewhite	Huntingdonshire District Council
	Cllr Simon Cooke	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
	Cllr David Westley	West Lancashire Borough Council
	Cllr Peter Fleming OBE	Sevenoaks District Council
	Cllr Catherine Rankin	Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
	Cllr Tony Newman	Croydon Council
	Cllr Ed Turner	Oxford City Council
	Cllr Alyson Barnes	Rosendale Borough Council
	Cllr Gillian Campbell	Blackpool Council
	Cllr Andy Hull	Islington Council
	Cllr Graham Whitham	Sutton London Borough Council
	Cllr Adele Morris	Southwark Council
Observers	Cllr Stephen Parker	Hart District Council
Apologies	Cllr Martin Tett	Buckinghamshire County Council
	Cllr Timothy Moore	Liverpool City Council
	Cllr Simon Greaves	Bassetlaw District Council
	Cllr Rishi Shori	Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Julian German	Cornwall Council



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Bus routes - Farringdon Station

- 63 - Kings Cross - Crystal Palace Parade (**Stop A/B**)
- 55 - Oxford Circus -High Road Leyton (**Stop E/K**)
- 243 - Redvers Road - Waterloo Bridge (**Stop E/K**)

Cycling Facilities

The nearest Santander Cycle Hire racks are on Theobold's Road.
 For more information please go to www.tfl.gov.uk

Car Parks

- Smithfield Car Park - EC1A 9DY
- NCP Car Park London Saffron Hill - EC1N 8XA