

## Note of last LGA Executive meeting

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| <b>Title:</b> | LGA Executive  |
| <b>Date:</b>  | Thursday 11 December 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 |
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| 1    | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br><br>No declarations were made.   |        |
| 2    | <b>The Autumn Statement 2014</b><br><br>Cllr Claire Kober (Resources Board Chair) introduced the report which summarised the announcements in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement with implications for local government. In doing so, she highlighted the key issues outlined within the LGA's on <i>the day briefing</i> and provided an update on a number of developments since the announcement on 3 December.<br><br>In the discussion that followed, Members asked for further details on the announcement that Government would seek to legislate to exempt Members' travel expenses from income tax and National Insurance. Serious concerns were expressed that the issue of deprivation of liberty was not included in the Autumn Statement and it was noted that the LGA would be pursuing this issue directly with Government.<br><br><b>Decision</b><br>The Executive noted the update.<br><br><b>Action</b><br>Circulate an explanatory note on Government plans to exempt Members' travel expenses from income tax and National Insurance. <b>Nicola Morton</b> (Head of Local Government Finance). |        |
| 3    | <b>Note of last LGA Executive meeting held on 23 October</b><br><br><b>Decision</b><br>The Executive agreed the minutes of the previous Executive meeting held on 23 October 2014.  |        |

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**Exclusion of Press and Public**

The press and public were excluded for the consideration of the remaining confidential items.

**4 Municipal Bonds Agency Next Steps**

Paul Raynes (Head of Programmes, Environment, Localism and Welfare) introduced the item which outlined progress in the Bond Agency Project and asked for Executive's approval to move into the launch phase of the Agency as recommended by the Bonds Agency Project Board.

The Chair noted that Paul Rayne would be leaving the LGA in the New Year. On behalf of the Executive, he expressed thanks to Paul for his contribution to the LGA during his eight years of service and wished him well for the future.

Members endorsed the report's recommendations without further comment.

**Decisions**

The Executive:

- i. noted that the mobilisation phase objectives had been met to the satisfaction of the Project Board;
- ii. authorise moving the Municipal Bond Agency into its launch phase as recommended by the Project Board;
- iii. instructed officers to report the final total for the Agency's equity raise, the LGA's consequent shareholding percentage, and any action recommended by the company's directors as a consequence, to the March Leadership Board; and
- iv. delegated the decision to confirm the Agency Board appointments to the LGA Chair and Group Leaders.

**5 Discussion on Devolution (Confidential)**

**Item Decisions and actions**

**Action**

**Appendix A -Attendance**

| Position/Role | Councillor                              | Authority   |
|---------------|---|---|
|               | Cllr David Sparks OBE (Chair)           | Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council                     |
|               | Cllr Jim McMahon (Vice-Chair)           | Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council                     |
|               | Cllr Gary Porter (Vice-Chair)           | South Holland District Council                          |
|               | Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Vice-Chair) | Portsmouth City Council                                 |
|               | Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice-Chair)  | Lincolnshire County Council                             |
|               | Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE                  | Stevenage Borough Council                               |
|               | Mayor Sir Steve Bullock                 | Lewisham London Borough Council                         |
|               | Cllr Keith Wakefield                    | Leeds City Council                                      |
|               | Sir Richard Leese CBE                   | Manchester City Council                                 |
|               | Cllr Claire Kober                       | Haringey Council  |
|               | Cllr Ann Lucas OBE                      | Coventry City Council                                   |
|               | Cllr Peter Box CBE                      | Wakefield Metropolitan District 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                              |
|               | Cllr Izzi Seccombe                      | Warwickshire County Council                             |
|               | Cllr Peter Fleming                      | Sevenoaks District Council                              |
|               | Cllr Chris White                        | Hertfordshire County Council                            |
|               | Cllr Jeremy Hilton                      | Gloucestershire County Council                          |
|               | Cllr Ian Stephens                       | Isle of Wight Council                                   |
|               | Cllr Peter Reeve                        | Cambridgeshire County Council                           |
|               | Cllr Robert Dutton OBE                  | Wrexham County Borough Council                          |
|               | Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE                  | South East England Councils (SEEC)                      |
|               | Cllr Roger Lawrence                     | West Midlands LGA                                       |
|               | Cllr Paul Watson                        | Association of North East Councils                      |
|               | Cllr Barrie Grunewald                   | North West Regional Leaders Board                       |
|               | Cllr Harvey Siggs                       | Somerset County Council                                 |
|               | Cllr Jason Ablewhite                    | Huntingdonshire District Council                        |
|               | Cllr Roger Begy OBE                     | East Midlands Councils                                  |
|               | Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE                 | County Councils Network (CCN)                           |
|               | Cllr Gillian Brown                      | District Councils Network                               |
|               | Sir Stephen Houghton CBE                | SIGOMA  |
| Apologies:    | Cllr Judi Billing                       | North Hertfordshire District Council                    |
|               | Cllr David Simmonds                     | Hillingdon London Borough Council                       |
|               | Mayor Dorothy Thornhill<br>MBE          | Watford Borough Council                                 |
|               | Cllr John Hart                          | South West Councils                                     |
|               | Cllr Tony Jackson                       | East of England Local Government<br>Association (EELGA) |
|               | Mayor Jules Pipe                        | London Councils   |
|               | Cllr Martin Hill OBE                    | East Midlands Councils                                  |
|               | Cllr Stephen Parnaby                    | Local Government Yorkshire and Humber                   |

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