

Note of last Improvement & Innovation Board meeting

Title:	Improvement & Innovation Board
Date:	Thursday 7 October 2021
Venue:	Beecham Room, 18 Smith Square, and online via Zoom

Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and in particular, the new members who had joined the Board since July. Apologies were received from Cllr Judi Billing. There were no declarations of interest.	
2	Note of the Previous Meeting Cllr Nigel Ashton suggested that the 87 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) the IIB were responsible for monitoring were too numerous to properly consider and that it was not possible to draw out the ones that were important and their impact. In response, the Board heard that the 87 KPIs were a requirement of the grant agreement with Government and it was important for the Board to be aware of progress against the agreement as this was the way that DLUHC were monitoring progress and holding the LGA accountable. Officers agreed to consider how Cllr Ashton's suggestion could be addressed going forward. Decision: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record. Action: Officers to consider how to balance the need to report back to DLUHC against the 87 KPIs and the need for the Board to be able to assess the impact of the programme against a smaller set of measures.	
3	Membership, terms of reference and board priorities for 2021/22 Dennis Skinner introduced the item explaining that whilst this Board was one of nine that reported to the LGA's Executive Advisory Board, it had some unique characteristics including independent members.	

In recent years, Government had been much more prescriptive in the LGA's use of its improvement grant and this year had seen the Government effectively contract the LGA to deliver a programme of work that they wished to purchase. The recent reshuffle was an opportunity for officers to lobby for increased flexibility to allow the LGA to be appropriately responsive to the needs to the sector. Clarity was being sought on the Minister that would hold the local government brief.

An induction for new Members of the Board, as well as a refresher for existing Members, was planned and details would be circulated outside of the meeting once finalised.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** its membership; **agreed** its Terms of Reference; and **noted** its priorities for the coming year.

4 Sector support programme for 2022 onwards - verbal update - CONFIDENTIAL

LGA officers provided a confidential update to members on the proposed Sector Support Programme for 2022 onwards.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the update.

5 Be a Councillor - CONFIDENTIAL

The Board received a confidential presentation from LGA Officers on the Be a Councillor programme.

Decision:

That the Board's comments were **noted**, and subject to those comments, the actions noted in the report were **approved**.

6 Cyber security threats to councils - verbal update - CONFIDENTIAL

The Chairman requested that items 6 and 7 be taken together.

The Board received a confidential presentation on cyber security threats to councils and a general update on the improvement support available to help address these threats.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the presentation and update.

7 Improvement Support to Councils - Cyber, Digital and Technology

The Board received a report on cyber, digital and technology support to

Councils.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the update.

8 Care & Health Improvement Programme update

The Board received the update report on the Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP). The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) had made a request of the LGA to provide members for a number of working groups that ADASS had set up.

In respect of those Councils who were seeing boundary issues following the establishment of Integrated Care Systems over different geographies than their Council boundaries, the LGA were actively engaging Councils affected and seeing what support they could be offered.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the update.

Action:

Andy Hughes would ensure that the list of LGA appointments to ADASS bodies would be shared with the Board.

9 AOB

There were no additional items of urgent business.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Peter Fleming OBE	Sevenoaks District Council
Vice-Chair	Cllr Liz Green	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Deputy-Chair	Cllr Neil Prior	Pembrokeshire County Council
Members	Cllr Nigel Ashton	North Somerset Council
	Cllr Carl Les	North Yorkshire County Council
	Cllr Laura Miller	Dorset Council
	Cllr Phil North	Test Valley Borough Council
	Cllr Alice Perry	Islington Council
	Cllr Tim Roca	Westminster City Council
	Cllr Asma Begum	Tower Hamlets Council
	Cllr Vince Maple	Medway Council
	Cllr Oliver Ryan	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

	Cllr Peter Mason	Ealing Council
	Mayor Peter Taylor	Watford Borough Council
	Cllr Alex Coley	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
	Cllr Mike Haines	Teignbridge District Council
	Mr Philip Sellwood CBE	Independent member
Apologies	Cllr Judi Billing MBE	Hertfordshire County Council
In Attendance	Cllr Kam Kaur (as substitute)	Warwickshire County Council
	Cllr Anthony McKeown (as substitute)	High Peak Borough Council
	Cllr Steve Norman	Lichfield District Council