

Minutes of last Improvement & Innovation Board meeting

Improvement & Innovation Board

Friday, 26 May 2023

Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as [Appendix A](#)

Item	Decisions and actions
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1	Welcome, Apologies and Substitutes, Declarations of Interest
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The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mayor Damien Egan, Cllr Beccy Cooper, Cllr Laura Beddow (sub Cllr Derek Bastiman) and Philip Sellwood CBE. Cllr Kris Wilson and Cllr Anthony McKeown were attending on behalf of Peter Fleming and Oliver Ryan respectively.

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair paid tribute to Peter Fleming, longstanding Board member and previous Chair, who had lost his seat at the local elections on 4 May. She also thanked Oliver Ryan and Kevin Peel, Board members who had both stood down at the election.

2	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 February 2023
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The minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023 were agreed as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

3	2022/23 Q4 reporting update
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Members were provided with a confidential update on Q4 performance against the DLUHC Improvement Grant.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the update on the performance from Q4 of the sector support programme for 2022/2023.

4	Update on the Sector Support Offer 2023/24 - verbal update
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Members were provided with a confidential update on the Sector Support Offer for 2023/24.

Decision:

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

5 Support for Chief Executives - New Curriculum and Training Package

Barry Quirk gave a confidential presentation on a proposed new support package for Chief Executives.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the presentation and **endorsed** the approach set out in the report.

6 Office for Local Government (Oflog) update

Members received a confidential update on latest developments with the Office for Local Government (Oflog).

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the background and current position in relation to the Office for Local Government and the LGA's work on behalf of the sector to date.

7 Peer Challenge Programme update

Members received a confidential update on the Peer Challenge programme.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the LGA's Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) and Finance Peer Challenge (FPC) Annual Report for 2022/2023.

8 Peer Support Review update

The Chair invited Henry Butt (HB), Improvement Strategy Adviser, to introduce the report.

HB ran through progress made since the last Board meeting and, in particular, picked out some of the highlights from each of the 5 themes that had been agreed as part of the review action plan, as set out in the report.

Members' comments and questions:

- The capacity for peer training would need to be increased if the target of all peers receiving training within a 3 year period were to be met. HB agreed to discuss with GH how this could be achieved.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** progress in implementing actions arising from the peer support review.

Action:

HB and GH to review peer training capacity

9 Innovation Zone and wider LGA Conference 2023 update

The Chair invited Katharine Goodger (KG), Improvement Coordination and Strategy Adviser, to introduce the update.

KG provided members with an update on preparations for the LGA Annual Conference in Bournemouth and, in particular, further details of the Innovation Zone. Over 200 applications had been received to run one of the 50+ sessions at the IZ and a draft programme was presented in Annex 9b. A number of improvement themed sessions were also featured in the wider conference programme.

Members' comments and questions:

- Members warmly welcomed the wide variety of sessions in the draft programme and placed on record their thanks to officers and Peter Fleming for all the hard work that had gone into it.
- Lead members were asked to promote the celebrating peers session through their political group offices and other contacts.

Decision:

Improvement & Innovation Board **noted** the progress on the Innovation Zone and wider LGA Conference 2023.

10 Any other business

No further business was raised by members.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chair	Cllr Abi Brown	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Vice-Chair	Cllr Liz Green	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Deputy-Chairs	Cllr Brigid Jones Cllr Neil Prior	Birmingham City Council Pembrokeshire County Council
Members	Cllr Nigel Ashton Cllr Phil Twiss Cllr Phil North Cllr Philip Broadhead Cllr Jane Mudd	North Somerset Council Devon County Council Test Valley Borough Council Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council Newport City Council

	Cllr Victoria Cusworth Cllr Vince Maple Mayor Peter Taylor Cllr Alex Coley Cllr Alan Connett Lord Gary Porter CBE Mr Richard Priestman Cllr Gwilym Butler (substitute) Cllr Kris Wilson (substitute) Cllr Derek Bastiman (substitute) Cllr Anthony McKeown (substitute) Cllr Jim Hakewill (substitute) Cllr Paul Hilliard (substitute)	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Medway Council Watford Borough Council Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Teignbridge District Council Observer Independent Observer Shropshire Council Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council Scarborough Borough Council High Peak Borough Council North Northamptonshire Council Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council
Apologies	Cllr Laura Beddow Cllr Dr Beccy Cooper Mayor Damien Egan Cllr Mike Haines (Observer) Mr Philip Sellwood CBE	Dorset Council Worthing Borough Council Lewisham London Borough Council Teignbridge District Council Independent Observer
In Attendance	Barry Quirk	