

## Minutes of last Resources Board meeting

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### Resources Board

Tuesday, 15 November 2022

Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online

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### 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

Cllr Richard Wenham (as Chairman) welcomed members to the Resources Board meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Western and Cllr Rory Love OBE.

Cllr Kate Groucutt and Cllr Andrew Jamieson were in attendances as substitutes.

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Sharon Taylor, who had previously been a member of the Resources Board, for being awarded a peerage.

No declarations of interest were made.

#### 2 LGA Plan 2022-25

The Chairman invited Sarah Pickup to introduce the LGA Plan 2022-25. The LGA Board signed off a new 3-year business plan which set out the direction for the LGA as a whole.

Following comments, it was noted that promoting a sustainable financial future as set out in the LGA Plan 2022-25 threaded through many different issues raised such as adult social care, bus services and cost of living work as raised by Members.

#### Decision:

Members **noted** the LGA Plan 2022-25.

#### 3 Local Government Finance Update

The Chairman invited Nicola Morton, Head of Local Government Finance, to present the report which provided a summary of the work by the LGA

on funding and finance issues since the previous meeting including business rates, audit and capital.

The consultation responses seen at the previous Resources Board meeting had been submitted and a consultation response from the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) on the distribution of funding to support the reform of the adult social care charging system in 2023 to 2024 had been submitted.

Since the circulation of the report, the LGA had responded to a consultation on the temporary override on infrastructure assets and received positive response from PSAA on points made in the consultation response on the audit fees.

In response to queries from members, it was clarified that

- There was a statutory requirement for revaluation information to be published by the end of December 2023. The LGA had been calling for an earlier release by the end of November 2022 but it was not clear when it would be published.
- The LGA was pressing for Government to delay elements of the adult social care reforms and keep the funding for the reforms in the sector so they can be used to meet current inflationary and national living wage pressures.

**Action:**

That a link to an LGA report on the wider impact of local government spending on public services be circulated to members.

**Decision:**

Members **noted** the update.

#### **4 The 2022 Autumn Statement**

The Chairman invited Nicola Morton, Head of Local Government Finance, to present the report which outlined the ongoing steps taken by the LGA ahead of the forthcoming Autumn Statement. There was also a summary of the main elements of the 2023/24 local government finance settlement.

Members discussed how to lobby central government for additional funding to meet cost pressures for 2022/23 and future funding gaps. There were some members who felt that the LGA needed to be stronger in representing the challenges facing councils. It was noted that the links in the report provided more detail on lobbying lines and that LGA had been campaigning through various media engagements, although it can be hard to identify what the media will pick up on. Members were reminded that local authorities were welcome to provide case studies as this helped with messaging.

**Action:**

Officers will consider how we can give the Board a summary insight into

current activity for future reports

**Decision:**

Members **noted** the update.

**5 Workforce Update**

*Please refer to the confidential minutes documents for information relating to this item.*

**6 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 September 2022**

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record with the addition of the substitutes listed in item 1 added to the attendance list as set out in Appendix A to the minutes.

**7 Any Other Business**

Rose Doran, Senior Adviser informed members that a paper on Cost of Living would go to the Executive Advisory Board.

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Vice-Chairman Deputy-chairman	Cllr Richard Wenham	Central Bedfordshire Council
	Cllr Keith House	Eastleigh Borough Council
	Cllr Jason Zadrozny	Ashfield District Council
Members	Cllr David Leaf	Bexley Council
	Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE	Gloucestershire County Council
	Cllr Nicholas Jones	Bury Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Phillip King	Harborough District Council
	Cllr Roger Phillips	Herefordshire Council
	Cllr Andrew Jamieson	Norfolk County Council
	Cllr James Lewis	Leeds City Council
	Cllr Cathy Mitchell	Warrington Borough Council
	Cllr Ed Turner	Oxford City Council
	Cllr Peter Mason	Ealing Council
	Cllr Shama Tatler	Brent Council
	Cllr Terry Paul	Newham London Borough Council
	Cllr Kate Groucutt	St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Richard Kemp CBE	Liverpool City Council	
Cllr Phelim Mac Cafferty	Brighton & Hove City Council	
Apologies	Cllr Rory Love OBE	Kent County Council
	Cllr Andrew Western	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council

In Attendance

Cllr Stephanie Cryan

Southwark Council

LGA Officers

Greg Burns  
Claire Christopher  
Naomi Cooke  
Jo Donnelly  
Rose Doran  
Mike Heiser  
Bevis Ingram  
Laura Johnson  
Hannah Lazell  
Nicola Morton  
Emilia Peters  
Sarah Pickup  
Jamie Saddler  
Rodrigo Sanchez  
Sam Swift