



# **Executive Advisory Board**

Agenda

Thursday, 26 January 2023  
2.15 pm

Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, 18 Smith  
Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

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There will be a meeting of the Executive Advisory Board at **2.15 pm on Thursday, 26 January 2023** Smith Square 1&2, Ground Floor, 18 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ.

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Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative ( 16)</b>	
Cllr James Jamieson OBE (Chairman)	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Vice Chairman)	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr John Fuller OBE (Deputy Chairman)	South Norfolk District Council
Cllr Robert Alden (Deputy Chairman)	Birmingham City Council
Baroness Teresa O'Neill OBE (Deputy Chairman)	Bexley Council
Cllr David Fothergill (Board Chair)	Somerset County Council
Cllr David Renard (Board Chair)	Swindon Borough Council
Cllr Kevin Bentley (Board Chair)	Essex County Council
Cllr Abi Brown (Board Chair)	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Cllr Marc Bayliss (Regional Representative)	West Midlands
Cllr Matthew Hicks (Regional Representative)	East of England LGA
Cllr John Hart (Regional Representative)	South West Councils
Cllr Nicolas Heslop (Regional Representative)	South East Councils
Cllr Christopher Poulter (Regional Representative)	East Midlands Councils
Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen	District Councils Network
Cllr Tim Oliver	County Councils Network
<b>Labour ( 14)</b>	
Cllr Shaun Davies (Senior Vice-Chair)	Telford and Wrekin Council
Cllr Tudor Evans OBE (Deputy Chair)	Plymouth City Council
Cllr Michael Payne (Deputy Chair)	Gedling Borough Council
Cllr Georgia Gould (Deputy Chair)	Camden Council
Cllr Anntoinette Bramble (Deputy Chair)	Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr Peter Marland (Board Chair)	Milton Keynes Council
Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Board Chair)	Enfield Council
Cllr Louise Gittins (Board Chair)	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Mayor Marvin Rees (Board Chair)	Bristol City
Cllr Robert Stewart (Regional Representative)	WLGA

Cllr Graeme Miller (Regional Representative)	North East of England
Cllr David Baines (Regional Representative)	North West Regional Leaders' Board
Cllr Shabir Pandor (Regional Representative)	Yorkshire and Humber Region
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	SIGOMA
<b>Substitutes</b>	
<b>Liberal Democrat ( 3)</b>	
Cllr Joe Harris (Vice-Chair)	Cotswold District Council
Cllr Bridget Smith (Deputy Chair)	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (Board Chair)	Portsmouth City Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
<b>Independent ( 3)</b>	
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice-Chair)	North Kesteven District Council
Cllr Hannah Dalton (Deputy Chair)	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Cllr Paul Woodhead (Balancing Member)	Cannock Chase District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	

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## Bout o hit sentMinutes of last Executive Advisory Board meeting

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### Executive Advisory Board

Thursday, 8 December 2022

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#### Attendance

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

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#### 8 Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest

The Chairman congratulated Cllr Samantha Dixon who had been elected to parliament and held a moment of silence to remember Cllr Judi Billing who had passed away.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Cllr David Baines, Cllr John Fuller, Cllr Antoinette Bramble, Cllr Michael Payne, Cllr Hannah Dalton and Cllr Andrew Western.

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 9 Lobbying Headlines

The Chairman invited Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive to address the Executive Advisory Board.

Mark noted that the LGA had published a new business plan, The LGA Plan, which set out priorities for the following 3 years for supporting, promoting and improving local councils. The LGA Plan also included plans for horizon scanning and shaping influence over this time period.

Mark raised six major issues facing councils that were highlighted in the report but not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda.

- The recent death of a child in Rochdale as a consequence of damp and mould, housing conditions – officials and monitor solution to housing conditions rather than blaming councils and housing providers. Constructive way forward
- Data collection – Michael Gove's return to DLUHC puts the creation of an office for local government back on the agenda. LGA lobbying to make sure this will be helpful to the sector and encourage better use data already available e.g. LG Inform. Mark

asked members if the sector should do more of its own assurance rather than wait for Whitehall to shape its destiny

- Asylum and resettlement, particularly the use of hotels, were continuing issues but progress had recently been made. Weekly meetings with Government officials co-chaired by the LGA to improve and get action on safeguarding, accommodation, health, data and engagement & communications were ongoing.
- Government was rumoured to be dropping the Education Bill, however the LGA would continue work to create a register of children being electively home educated despite the lack of legislative framework
- Operational concerns regarding elections in May 2023 and Voter ID. The LGA had agreed its submission to government on these concerns which would be highlighted publicly, and any progress would be reported at a future meeting
- Supporting councils with local government's contribution to the Covid Inquiry. The LGA successfully lobbied for the Rule 9 evidence request not to be applied directly to Councils but to do this through the LGA. The Survey had produced a 100% return rate, this had reduced the burden on councils and eliminated legal consequences

During the discussion, Members raised the following points:

Safety and security concerns regarding Voter ID at local elections if implemented in May 2023 as electoral administrators in rural areas had expressed concern about police support on polling day with some being advised to ring 999 highlighting the potential danger to persons and democracy.

Safety of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) following reports that 8 children under the age of 18 had been incorrectly processed and found among a group of men housed in a hotel. These errors in processing were causing safeguarding and health issues and placing an extra care burden on local authorities.

Concern regarding the future of sector led improvement with DLUHC's Assurance methodologies being unknown.

The Cost-of-Living crisis may increase homelessness which had risen by 15% in some areas. A view was expressed that the LGA should lobby to remove the Local Housing Allowance freeze.

#### Decision

The Executive Advisory Board **agreed** to note the report.

## 10 Cost of Living

Sally Burlington, Director of Policy (People), introduced the report outlining



the LGA's approach to shaping policy and supporting councils with the impact of cost-of-living pressures and socioeconomic inequality on people and communities.

A task and finish group on Cost of Living was suggested by members. It was recommended that Group Leaders consider proposed terms of reference for the Member Advisory Board in January 2023. It was requested that representatives from each of the LGA's policy Boards be included.

Rose Doran, Senior Adviser, explained that research on private rented sector accommodation had been commissioned jointly by the Resources and Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Boards. It was disappointing that the Local Housing Allowance rate has not been increased in the Autumn 2022 Budget.

#### Decision

The Executive Advisory Board agreed to note the report.

#### Action

In January 2023, officers will present Group Leaders with options for effective leadership on the Cost-of-Living crisis.

## **11 Autumn Statement 2022**

The Chairman welcomed Sarah Pickup, Deputy Chief Executive, to the meeting. Sarah gave a summary of the key local government finance announcements in the 2022 Autumn Statement.

In the discussion, members raised concern over business rates the rise during an economic downturn and council tax rises in context of a reduction in services. Regret was expressed that the Local Housing Allowance had not been raised.

#### Decision

- The Executive Advisory Board agreed to note the update and report.

#### Action

- Officers will proceed with the delivery of the LGA's work on local government finance, including the 2023/24 Local government Finance Settlement.

## **12 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Executive Advisory Board agreed the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2022.

**Appendix A -Attendance**

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr James Jamieson OBE	Central Bedfordshire Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Joe Harris	Cotswold District Council
	Cllr Marianne Overton MBE	North Kesteven District Council
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE	Plymouth City Council
	Cllr Georgia Gould	Camden Council
	Cllr Bridget Smith	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Members	Cllr Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
	Baroness Teresa O'Neill OBE	Bexley Council
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	Cllr Louise Gittins	Cheshire West and Chester Council
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	Cllr David Baines	North West Regional Leaders' Board
	Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen	District Councils Network
In Attendance		
LGA Officers	Mark Lloyd	
	Ian Hughes	
	Sally Burlington	
	Sarah Pickup	
	Dennis Skinner	
	Nicky Old	
	Nicola Morton	



Claire Holloway  
Pete Robbins  
Angela Page  
Sonika Sidhu  
Anna Morrell  
Charlotte Maguire  
Claire Christopher  
David Pealing  
Jacqui Smale  
Lizzie Nugent  
Mike Heiser  
Rose Doran  
Sam Swift  
Alexander Saul



## **2023/24 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement**

### **Purpose of report**

For information.

### **Summary**

This report provides a summary of the work by the LGA on the Provisional 2023/24 Local Government Finance Settlement and approach to the 2023 Spring Budget.

### **Recommendation**

That Members of the Executive Advisory Board note this update.

### **Action**

Officers will proceed with the delivery of the LGA's work on local government finance.

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## 2023/24 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement

### Introduction

1. This report provides a summary of the work by the LGA on the Provisional 2023/24 Local Government Finance Settlement and approach to the 2023 Spring Statement / Budget.
2. As we reported to your December meeting, the LGA campaigned heavily in advance of both the Autumn Statement and the provisional Settlement to maximise visibility of key messages and facts, highlighting in particular the impact of existing cost pressures and the risks of spending cuts overall and in particular services. Activity included letters to the new Prime minister, [Chancellor](#) and ministers, [the LGA's Autumn Budget submission](#), press releases and media coverage including broadcast media, engagement with parliamentarians, explainers on [cost pressures](#), [reserves](#), and how [council funding is spent](#) as part of our [Save Local Services campaign](#).

### Summary of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement

3. On 19 December the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities delivered the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24 via a [written ministerial statement](#). The [published figures](#) set out details for all local authorities across England, including fire and rescue authorities.
4. The funding announcements for 2023/24 follow the 2022 Autumn Statement. There will be a potential increase of 9.2 per cent in Core Spending Power available to local authorities in 2023/24, assuming all councils raise council tax by the maximum allowable limit without a referendum<sup>1</sup>. This includes:
  - 4.1. An increase in Revenue Support Grant of 10.1 per cent in line with the September 2022 Consumer Prices Index (CPI). Retained business rates income also rises by 10.1 per cent. The business rates multiplier is frozen at the 2022/23 level, but due to the 2023 revaluation, the Baseline Funding Level rises by 3.7 per cent; the remaining 6.4 per cent is provided through an increase in the multiplier under-indexation grant.
  - 4.2. Over £2 billion of new grant funding for social care, including:
    - 4.2.1. A £1.3 billion increase in the social care grant which can be used for both adults and children's social care (delivered by allowing councils to retain the funding previously allocated for charging reforms which have now been delayed)

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<sup>1</sup> For fire and rescue authorities and for the Greater London Authority provisional Core Spending Power does not reflect the published referendum principles; we would expect this to be updated in the final settlement.

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- 4.2.2. £400 million of new grant funding within the £562 million Adult Social Care Sustainability and Improvement Fund, which also incorporates the previous £162 million Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund.
- 4.2.3. A new £300 million Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.
- 4.3. New Homes Bonus (NHB) provisionally worth £291 million for 2023/24. There will no longer be any NHB legacy payments.
- 4.4. A reduction in the un-ringfenced Services Grant from £822 million in 2022/23 to £464 million in 2023/24.
- 4.5. A new Funding Guarantee of £136 million which will give all authorities an increase of 3 per cent in Core Spending Power before any decisions about council tax levels for 2023/24. This will go to 161 councils, of which 154 are shire districts, 5 are fire and rescue authorities and 2 are unitary authorities.
- 4.6. Continuation of the Rural Services Delivery Grant at its 2022/23 level of £85 million.
- 4.7. Council tax referendum principles of:
  - 4.7.1. a core increase of 3 per cent for all councils, with a 3 per cent or £5 increase (whichever is higher) for shire districts;
  - 4.7.2. an additional 2 per cent adult social care precept for authorities with social care responsibilities;
  - 4.7.3. a £5 increase for fire and rescue authorities;
  - 4.7.4. a £15 increase for Police and Crime Commissioners;
  - 4.7.5. a £23.55 increase for the non-police element of the Greater London Authority;
  - 4.7.6. No referendum principles for Combined Authorities or town and parish councils.
- 5. Four grants previously paid separately, worth a total £239 million, will be consolidated into the settlement. All of the four grants will keep their existing distribution. Three of these grants, including the Local Council Tax Support Administration Subsidy grant, will roll into the Revenue Support Grant and the fourth grant, the Independent Living Fund, is being rolled into the Social Care grant.
- 6. An additional £100 million to deliver support to those already receiving council tax support, and for councils to determine local approaches to support other vulnerable households in their area. This is not in Core Spending Power. [Guidance](#) for the fund was issued by DLUHC on 23 December along with funding allocations.

**Other Funding**

- 7. The settlement included no information on public health funding for 2023/24.

8. On 16 December 2022, the DfE set out the [detail](#) of the allocation of an additional £1.9 billion for schools and high needs funding for 2023/24. This is made up of £1.45 billion in schools block funding and £400 million of high needs funding. DLUHC also confirmed that the statutory override for the Dedicated Schools Grant will be extended for the next three years from 2023/24 to 2025/26. The override had been due to expire at the end of March 2023.

### **Local government finance policy statement 2023/24 to 2024/25**

9. On 12 December the Government published a [local government finance policy statement](#) covering both 2023/24 and 2024/25. As well as the announcements for 2023/24 set out above, it included the following information for 2024/25:
- 9.1. Confirmation that the Review of Relative Needs and Resources and a reset of accumulated business rates growth will not be implemented in this Spending Review period, although the government said that it remains committed to improving the local government finance landscape in the next Parliament.
  - 9.2. Continuation of the same core referendum principles as in 2023/24 – 3 per cent basic plus a 2 per cent adult social care precept for authorities with adult social care responsibilities.
  - 9.3. Revenue Support Grant will continue and be uplifted in line with Baseline Funding Levels so that councils receive an increase equivalent to the September 2023 level of the Consumer Prices Index (CPI).
  - 9.4. The Social Care Grant and other social care grants will increase as set out at the 2022 Autumn Statement.
  - 9.5. Local authorities can also expect to receive new income, subject to the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (pEPR) coming into force during 2024/25. The Government will assess the impact of additional pEPR income on the relative needs and resources of councils, particularly shire district councils.
10. The statement also encourages local authorities to consider how they can use their reserves to maintain services in the face of immediate inflationary pressures, taking account of the need to maintain appropriate levels of reserves to support financial sustainability and future investment and says that the Government will explore releasing a user-friendly publication of the reserves data. It will consult further with trusted partners, including the LGA, about doing this.

### **LGA activity on the day of the provisional settlement and our response**

11. On the day the provisional settlement was announced, we issued a [press release](#) and an [on the day briefing](#), highlighting key information from the settlement. We responded to the settlement consultation by the 16 January deadline. The response was cleared by the LGA Chairman, Group Leaders and Resources Board Lead Members.









