



# **Improvement & Innovation Board**

Agenda

**Friday, 15 December 2023**  
**11.00 am**

Hybrid Meeting - Beecham Room, 18 Smith  
Square and Online

There will be a meeting of the Improvement & Innovation Board at **11.00 am on Friday, 15 December 2023** Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online.

### **LGA Hybrid Meetings**

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### **Catering and Refreshments:**

If the meeting is scheduled to take place at lunchtime, a sandwich lunch will be available.

### **Political Group meetings and pre-meetings for Lead Members:**

Please contact your political group as outlined below for further details.

### **Apologies:**

Please notify your political group office (see contact telephone numbers below) if you are unable to attend this meeting.

<b>Conservative:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3223	email: <a href="mailto:lgaconservatives@local.gov.uk">lgaconservatives@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Labour:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3263	email: <a href="mailto:labgp@lga.gov.uk">labgp@lga.gov.uk</a>
<b>Independent:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3224	email: <a href="mailto:independent.grouplga@local.gov.uk">independent.grouplga@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Liberal Democrat:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3235	email: <a href="mailto:libdem@local.gov.uk">libdem@local.gov.uk</a>

### **Attendance:**

Your attendance, whether it be in person or virtual, will be noted by the clerk at the meeting.

### **LGA Contact:**

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### **Carers' Allowance**

As part of the LGA Members' Allowances Scheme, a Carer's Allowance of National Living Wage and/or London Living Wage is available to cover the cost of dependants (i.e. children, elderly people or people with disabilities) incurred as a result of attending this meeting.

## Improvement & Innovation Board – Membership 2023/24

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Councillor	Authority
<b>Conservative ( 7 )</b>	
Cllr Abi Brown (Chairman)	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Cllr Rory Love OBE	Kent County Council
Cllr Derek Bastiman	North Yorkshire Council
Cllr Phil North	Test Valley Borough Council
Cllr Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Cllr David Thomas	Torbay Council
Cllr William Nunn (Observer)	Breckland Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Louis Gardner	Cornwall Council
Cllr Daniel Humphreys	Worthing Borough Council
Cllr Chris Boden	Fenland District Council
Cllr Nick Clarke	West Suffolk Council
<b>Labour ( 8 )</b>	
Cllr David Baines (Deputy Chair)	St Helens Borough Council
Cllr Jane Mudd	Newport City Council
Cllr Dr Beccy Cooper	Worthing Borough Council
Cllr Anthony McKeown	High Peak Borough Council
Cllr Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Cllr Grace Williams	Waltham Forest London Borough
Mayor Damien Egan	Lewisham London Borough Council
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE (Observer)	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Deirdre Costigan	Ealing London Borough
Cllr Carl Johnson	North Tyneside Council
Cllr Jane Gebbie	Bridgend County Borough Council
<b>Liberal Democrat ( 4 )</b>	
Cllr Tim Pickstone (Vice-Chair)	Cumberland Council
Mayor Peter Taylor	Watford Borough Council
Cllr Mike Evely	Costwold District Council
Cllr Alan Connett (Observer)	Teignbridge District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Paul Crossley	Bath & North East Somerset Council
<b>Independent ( 3 )</b>	
Cllr Alex Coley (Deputy Chair)	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Cllr Sarah Rouse	Malvern Hills District Council
Cllr Adam Paynter (Observer)	Cornwall Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr James Hakewill	North Northamptonshire Council

Cllr Paul Hilliard	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
Cllr Neil Gregory	Uttlesford District Council
Cllr Julian German	Cornwall Council

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**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 21 February 2024, 11.00 am, Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online