



Improvement & Innovation Board

Agenda

Wednesday, 21 February 2024
11.00 am

Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square (Smith Sq
1&2) and Online

There will be a meeting of the Improvement & Innovation Board at **11.00 am on Wednesday, 21 February 2024** Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online.

LGA Hybrid Meetings

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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.

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Independent:	Group Office: 020 7664 3224	email: independent.grouplga@local.gov.uk
Liberal Democrat:	Group Office: 020 7664 3235	email: libdem@local.gov.uk

Attendance:

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

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Improvement & Innovation Board – Membership 2023/24

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Conservative	
Cllr Abi Brown OBE (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
Substitutes	
Cllr Louis Gardner	Cornwall Council
Cllr Daniel Humphreys	Worthing Borough Council
Cllr Chris Boden	Fenland District Council
Cllr Nick Clarke	West Suffolk Council
Labour	
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
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE (Observer)	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Deirdre Costigan	Ealing London Borough
Cllr Carl Johnson	North Tyneside Council
Cllr Jane Gebbie	Bridgend County Borough Council
Liberal Democrat	
Cllr Tim Pickstone (Vice-Chair)	Cumberland Council
Mayor Peter Taylor	Watford Borough Council
Cllr Mike Evely	Costwold District Council
Cllr Alan Connett (Observer)	Devon County Council
Substitutes	
Cllr Paul Crossley	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Independent	
Cllr Alex Coley (Deputy Chair)	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
Cllr Sarah Rouse	Malvern Hills District Council
Cllr Adam Paynter (Observer)	Cornwall Council
Substitutes	
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
Independent Observers	
Philip Sellwood CBE	
Richard Priestman	

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Rebecca Clark – Adviser, Improvement Coordination
and Strategy

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- Sustainability Hub – Grace Abel, Programme
Manager - Productivity

Date of Next Meeting: Friday, 24 May 2024, 11.00 am, Hybrid Meeting - 18
Smith Square and Online