**Membership and Terms of Reference for 2017/2018**

**Purpose**

For discussion and decision.

**Summary**

For members to note the membership and agree the Terms of Reference of the Board for 2017/18.

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|  **Recommendation**

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| That the City Regions Board note its membership and agree its Terms of Reference.  |

 **Action** Officers respond accordingly to members’ direction. |

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**City Regions Board – Membership 2017/2018**

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| **Councillor** | **Authority** |
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| **Conservative (5)** |  |
| Cllr Robert Light (Vice Chairman) | Kirklees Metropolitan Council |
| Cllr Robert Alden | Birmingham City Council |
| Cllr Abi Brown | Stoke-on-Trent City Council |
| Cllr Donna Jones JP | Portsmouth City Council |
| Cllr Tim Warren  | Bath & North East Somerset Council |

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| ***Substitutes*** |  |
| Cllr Barry Anderson  | Leeds City Council |
| Mayor Ben Houchen  | Tees Valley Combined Authority |

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| **Labour (14)** |  |
| Sir Richard Leese CBE (Chair) | Manchester City Council |
| Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe (Vice-Chair) | Bradford Metropolitan District Council |
| Mayor Joe Anderson OBE | Liverpool City Council |
| Cllr Jon Collins | Nottingham City Council |
| Cllr Samantha Dixon | Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| Cllr Martin Gannon | Gateshead Council |
| Cllr Sue Jeffrey | Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council |
| Cllr Peter John OBE | Southwark Council |
| Cllr Simon Letts | Southampton City Council |
| Cllr Warren Morgan | Brighton & Hove City Council |
| Mayor Marvin Rees  | Bristol City Council |
| Cllr Jean Stretton | Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Cllr Debbie Wilcox  | Newport City Council |
| Cllr Timothy Swift | Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council |

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| ***Substitutes*** |  |
| Mayor Sir Steve Bullock | Lewisham London Borough Council |
| Cllr Andrew Morgan  | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council |
| Cllr Darren Rodwell  | London Borough of Barking & Dagenham |
| Cllr Roger Lawrence | Wolverhampton City Council |

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| **Liberal Democrat (2)** |  |
| Cllr Abigail Bell (Deputy Chair) | Hull City Council |
| Cllr Paul Crossley  | Bath & North East Somerset Council |

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| ***Substitutes*** |  |
| Cllr Ben Dowling  | Portsmouth City Council |

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| **Independent (1)** |  |
| Cllr Liz Hazell (Deputy Chair) | Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council |

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| ***Substitutes*** |  |
| Cllr Clarence Barrett  | Havering London Borough Council |

**City Regions Board: Terms of Reference 2017/2018**

# The City Regions Board represents the interests of cities and city-regions. Its remit includes place-based inclusive growth, devolution, the implications of Britain’s departure from the European Union for metropolitan areas, skills and employment support, public service reform and wider issues relating to urban leadership and development.

1. The Board should seek to involve councillors in supporting the delivery of these priorities (through task groups, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), regional networks and other means of wider engagement); essentially operating as the centre of a network connecting to all urban councils and drawing on the expertise of key advisors from across the sector.
2. The City Regions Board’s responsibilities include:
	1. Ensuring the priorities of councils are fed into the business planning process.
	2. Developing and overseeing a work programme to deliver the business plan against agreed priorities relevant to their brief, covering lobbying, campaigns, research, improvement support in the context of the strategic framework set by Improvement & Innovation Board, and events, linking with other boards where appropriate.
	3. Sharing good practice and ideas to stimulate innovation and improvement.
	4. Representing and lobbying on behalf of the LGA including making public statements on its area of responsibility.
	5. Building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders.
	6. Involving representatives from councils in its work, through task groups, Commissions, SIGs, regional networks and mechanisms.
	7. Commissioning LGA officers and resources, where appropriate, to respond to specific issues referred to the Board by one or more member councils or groupings of councils.
3. The City RegionsBoard may:
	1. Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with the Political Conventions.
	2. Appoint member champions from the Board to lead on key issues, with responsibility for liaising with portfolio holders on key issues that require rapid response/contact with councils.

**Work Programme**

1. The Board to set its own work programme which is agreed at the start of each meeting cycle in early Autumn.

**Quorum**

1. One third of the members, provided that representatives of at least 2 political groups represented on the bodyare present.

**Political Composition**

1. Membership of the City Regions Board is drawn from the Core and Key cities, SIGOMA and London Boroughs, and is reflective of those in Combined Authorities or seeking devolution deals.
2. The Board has 22 members and its make-up reflects the political proportionality of the wider group of councils from which the membership is drawn. This differs from the seven policy boards, whose make-up reflects the political proportionality of the Association as a whole.
3. The chair has been appointed from the largest group on the Board and falls within the LGA’s own proportionate allocations. In line with the LGA’s political conventions, the remaining groups each have a vice or deputy chair.
4. The composition by political party is recalculated each year and reflects the political proportionality of the wider group of councils from which their membership is draw. The current composition is:
	1. Conservative group:               5 members
	2. Labour group:                          14 members
	3. Independent group:                 1 member
	4. Liberal Democrat group:         2 members
5. Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

**Frequency per year**

1. Meetings to be held five time per annum.

**Reporting Accountabilities**

1. The Board will report annually to the LGA Executive at the July meeting.