**Membership and Terms of Reference for 2018/19**

**Purpose**

For discussion and decision.

**Summary**

For members to note the membership and agree the Terms of Reference of the City Regions Board for 2018/19.

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| **Recommendation**  The City Regions Board is asked to:   1. Note the membership of the Board for 2018/19; 2. Agree the Board’s Terms of Reference for 2018/19; and 3. Agree to Membership of any Outside Bodies   **Action**  Officers to take any actions as required. |

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**City Regions Board – Membership 2018/2019**

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| **Councillor** | **Authority** |

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| **Labour ( 14)** |  |
| Sir Richard Leese CBE (Chair) | Manchester City Council |
| Cllr. Susan Hinchcliffe (Vice-Chair) | Bradford Metropolitan District Council |
| Cllr. Martin Gannon | Gateshead Council |
| Mayor Marvin Rees | Bristol City Council |
| Mayor Joe Anderson OBE | Liverpool City Council |
| Cllr. Jon Collins | Nottingham City Council |
| Cllr. Peter John OBE | Southwark Council |
| Cllr. Timothy Swift MBE | Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Cllr. Debbie Wilcox | Newport City Council |
| Cllr. Sue Jeffrey | Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council |
| Cllr. Roger Lawrence | City of Wolverhampton Council |
| Cllr. Darren Rodwell | London Borough Barking & Dagenham |
| Cllr. Julie Dore | Sheffield City Council |
| Cllr Linda Thomas | Bolton Council |

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| ***Substitutes*** |  |
| Cllr. Sara Rowbotham | Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Cllr. Shama Tatler | Brent Council |
| Cllr. Shaun Davies | Telford and Wrekin Council |
| Cllr. Iain Malcolm | South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Cllr. Dan Price | Warrington Council |

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| **Conservative (5)** |  |
| Cllr. Abi Brown (Vice-Chair) | Stoke-on-Trent City Council |
| Cllr. Robert Alden | Birmingham City Council |
| Cllr. Tim Warren | Bath & North East Somerset Council |
| Cllr. Sean Anstee | Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council |
| Cllr. John Beesley | Bournemouth Borough Council |
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| ***Substitutes*** |  |
| Cllr. Mark Weston | Bristol 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. Clarence Barrett (Deputy Chair) | Havering London Borough Council |

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| ***Substitutes*** |  |
| Cllr. Jason Zadrozny | Ashfield District Council |
| Cllr. Phelim MacCafferty | Brighton & Hove City Council |

**Terms of Reference: City Regions Board**

# 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 metropolitan 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:

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| 10.1 | Conservative group: | 5 members |
| 10.2 | Labour group: | 14 members |
| 10.3 | Independent group: | 1 member |
| 10.4 | Liberal Democrat group: | 2 members |

1. 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.