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Safer and Stronger Communities Board 2019/20: Terms of Reference, Membership and Appointments to Outside Bodies

Purpose of report

For information and approval.

Summary

This report sets out how the Safer and Stronger Communities Board operates and how the LGA works to support the objectives and work of its member authorities.

Members are asked to note the Board's membership and agree its Terms of Reference and nominations to Outside Bodies for the 2019/20 year.

Recommendations

That the Safer and Stronger Communities Board:

- i. agrees its Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**);
- ii. formally notes the membership for 2019/20 (**Appendix B**);
- iii. agrees the Board's nominations to outside bodies (**Appendix C**);
- iv. notes the dates of the future meetings (**Appendix D**); and
- v. reviews and appoints member champions (**Appendix E**).

Action

Any actions will be undertaken, as directed by Members.

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Background

1. The LGA's Boards seek to lead the agenda for local government on the key challenges and issues within their remit and support the overall objectives of the organisation as set out in [the LGA's Business Plan](#).
2. They take an active role in helping to shape the Association's business plan through extensive engagement with councils and oversight of the programmes of work that deliver these strategic priorities.

2019/20 Terms of reference and membership

3. The Safer and Stronger Communities Board's Terms of Reference, Membership and future meetings dates are set out at **Appendix A, B** and **D** respectively for agreement and noting.

Safer and Stronger Communities Board Lead Members

4. The LGA seeks where possible to work on the basis of consensus across all four groups. The Safer and Stronger Communities Board is politically balanced, and led by the Chair and three Vice/Deputy Chairs, drawn from each of the four political groups. This grouping of members – known as Lead Members – meet in between Board meetings, shape future meeting agendas, provide clearance on time sensitive matters, represent the Board at external events, meetings and in the media, as well as engaging with the wider Board to ensure your views are represented.
5. The Lead Members for 2019/20 are:
 - 5.1 Cllr Simon Blackburn, Chair
 - 5.2 Cllr Katrina Wood, Vice-Chairman
 - 5.3 Cllr Bridget Smith, Deputy Chair
 - 5.4 Cllr Hannah Dalton, Deputy Chair

The Safer and Stronger Communities team

6. The Board is supported by a cross cutting team of LGA officers, with Policy colleagues and designated Member Services Officer, being those which you are likely to have regular contact with.
7. The Safer and Stronger Communities team supports the LGA's work on the Board's priorities, and also a number of other issues which are within the Board's remit. The team works with Board Members, the LGA media team and political groups to maintain local government's reputation on community safety issues in the media, directs our lobbying work (according to Members' steer) in conjunction with the Parliamentary affairs team,

and works collaboratively with other Boards across relevant cross cutting policy and improvement issues.

8. The team supports Members in person or by briefing when they represent the LGA on external speaking platforms or at Ministerial or Whitehall events. We will provide briefing notes and/or suggested speaking notes as required in advance of each engagement.
9. The team also participate in a number of officer working groups and programme boards, representing the sector's interests and putting forward the LGA's agreed policy positions.

Communications and Events

10. There are a number of internal and external communications channels available to help the Safer and Stronger Communities Board promote the work it is doing and to seek views from our member authorities.
11. Upcoming events:
 - 11.1 13 November 2019 – Serious Violence Conference
 - 11.2 5 February 2020 – Annual Licensing Conference
 - 11.3 10 March 2020 – Annual Fire Conference and Exhibition
12. We also have a dedicated section on the LGA website, regular e-bulletins with a personal introduction from the Chair of the Board, outside speaking engagements and interviews, advisory networks, features and news items in First magazine as well as twitter accounts which are used to keep in touch with our members.

Safer and Stronger Communities Board outside body appointments

13. The LGA benefits from a wide network of member representatives on outside bodies across all boards. These appointments are reviewed on an annual basis across the Association to ensure that the aims and objectives of the outside bodies remain pertinent to the LGA and accurately reflect its priorities.
14. A list of the organisations to which the Board is asked to appoint member representatives is attached at **Appendix C**. The Board are asked to nominate the appointments for this meeting cycle, which as far as possible are to be made in proportion with political representation across the LGA. As an LGA representative, Members appointed to these roles should speak for the Association, and not one particular political Group.
15. To maximise the value of attending regular or ad-hoc outside engagements, Members appointed to represent the LGA on an outside bodies are asked to provide regular feedback, either through the Board meetings, or alternative mechanisms.

Member Champions

16. For 2018/19, the Board appointed the following member champions:
 - 16.1 Abuse, exploitation and modern slavery – Cllr Alan Rhodes

- 16.2 Anti-social behaviour – Cllr Anita Lower
 - 16.3 Bereavement services – Cllr Nick Worth
 - 16.4 Community cohesion and integration – Cllrs Farah Hussain and Katrina Wood
 - 16.5 Licensing – Cllrs Kate Haigh and Eric Allen
 - 16.6 Domestic abuse – Cllrs Katrina Wood and Jim Beall
 - 16.7 Prevent and counter-extremism – Cllrs Simon Blackburn and Colin Spence
 - 16.8 Regulatory services – Cllr Anita Lower
 - 16.9 Drowning prevention – Cllr James Dawson
 - 16.10 Scambassador – Cllr Judith Wallace
17. A role description for member champions is set out at **Appendix E**. The Board is requested to review the current areas covered by member champions and consider whether these should continue, or whether different areas need to be addressed.

Financial Implications

18. There are no substantial financial implications arising directly from this report. Reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be paid by the LGA for expenses incurred by a member appointee, whilst carrying out a representative role on an outside body on behalf of the LGA.