

## **Membership and Terms of Reference for 2020/21**

### **Purpose**

For discussion and decision.

### **Summary**

For members to note the membership and agree the Terms of Reference of the City Regions Board for 2020/21.

### **Recommendation**

The City Regions Board is asked to:

1. Note the membership of the Board for 2020/21;
2. Agree the Board's Terms of Reference for 2020/21;
3. Consider the Equalities Advocate for the board.

### **Action**

Officers to take any actions as required.

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## City Regions Board – Membership 2020/21

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Authority</b>
<b>Labour ( 14)</b>	
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 John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
Cllr. Shaun Davies	Telford and Wrekin Council
Cllr Martin Gannon	Gateshead Council
Mayor Marvin Rees	Bristol City Council
Cllr Elise Wilson	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr. Timothy Swift MBE	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr. Danny Thorpe	Royal Borough of Greenwich
Cllr. David Mellen	Nottingham City Council
Cllr. Sean Fielding	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr. Shama Tatler	Brent Council
Cllr Anthony Hunt	Torfaen County Borough Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr. James Swindlehurst	Slough Borough
Cllr Jason Brock	Reading Borough Council
Cllr. Iain Malcolm	South Tyneside Metropolitan
Cllr. Graeme Miller	Sunderland City Council
Cllr Samantha Dixon	Cheshire West and Chester Council
<b>Conservative (5)</b>	
Cllr. Abi Brown (Vice-Chairman)	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Cllr. Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
Cllr. Donna Jones JP	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr. Joanne Laban	Enfield Council
Cllr. Toby Savage	West of England Combined Authority
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr. Barry Anderson	Leeds City Council
Cllr. Daniel Fitzhenry	Southampton City
Cllr. Julia Lepoidevin	Coventry City Council
<b>Liberal Democrat ( 2)</b>	
Cllr. Anita Lower (Deputy Chair)	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr Gareth Roberts	Richmond upon Thames London Borough Council
<b>Independent ( 1)</b>	
Cllr. Gillian Ford (Deputy Chair)	Havering London Borough Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr. Phelim MacCafferty	Brighton & Hove City Council

## **Terms of Reference: City Regions Board**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The City Regions Board's responsibilities include:
  - 3.1. Ensuring the priorities of metropolitan councils are fed into the business planning process.
  - 3.2. 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.
  - 3.3. Sharing good practice and ideas to stimulate innovation and improvement.
  - 3.4. Representing and lobbying on behalf of the LGA including making public statements on its area of responsibility.
  - 3.5. Building and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders.
  - 3.6. Involving representatives from councils in its work, through task groups, Commissions, SIGs, regional networks and mechanisms.
  - 3.7. 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.
4. The City Regions Board may:
  - 4.1. Appoint members to relevant outside bodies in accordance with the Political Conventions.
  - 4.2. 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**

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

### **Quorum**

6. One third of the members, provided that representatives of at least 2 political groups represented on the body are present.

### **Political Composition**

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 drawn. The current composition is:

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

11. Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

### **Frequency per year**

12. Meetings to be held five times per annum.

### **Reporting Accountabilities**

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

**Equalities Advocate**

14. The Executive Advisory Board have asked each Board to identify a member to be an Equalities Advocate within each Board to raise the profile of any equalities issues within that Board's workstream. The advocates will work together to coordinate the messaging across the organisation and to report back to the Executive Advisory Board. Due to this cross-board work the decision has been made that these appointments should be politically balanced and therefore LGA Group Offices will be making appointments for each board over the next few weeks.