

Appendix D - Board Member Champions Role Description

1. Board member champions, and support member champions, where required, take responsibility for a specified subject area or programme and act as spokesperson. This is in addition to any formal role representing the LGA on outside bodies.

Accountabilities

2. Subject to the role of lead members, to be the main spokesperson for the LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Board (SSCB) in relation to a specified subject area or programme, including writing articles and making speeches at appropriate events.
3. To keep abreast of developments locally and nationally in relation to a specified subject area or programme.
4. To attend residential conferences and other events initiated by the board, leading and chairing sessions as required.
5. To engage actively with councils and groupings of councils to secure the views and involvement of the wider membership to inform the board's specific policy line on the specialist subject.
6. To communicate back to the wider membership the work and successes of the board in relation to the specified subject or programme area.
7. To lead/participate in task and finish groups set up to look in more detail at the specific areas of policy.
8. To be the principal representative of the Board on that subject area or programme at meetings with partner bodies and other key decision-makers.

Knowledge and Experience

9. Member champions may be portfolio holders for that policy area in their home authorities or have experience/knowledge of, and special interest and commitment to, the policy area.

Appointment and support

10. The expectation is that the Board will review these roles at the start of the Board cycle every September, along with formal appointments to outside bodies.