

# Appendix B

# **Executive Advisory Board Terms of Reference**

The Executive Advisory Board provides strategic direction to the work of the Local Government Association and a mechanism to listen and influence national government legislation and public opinion. It supports councils and councillors to serve their communities in the best ways possible and is responsible for:

- 1. Ensuring that the LGA is focused on serving councils and councillors across England and Wales
- 2. Maintaining strong links with the sector, including through the sub-national groupings of councils, to ensure LGA priorities are based on the views of members and member councils.
- 3. Agreeing the LGA's vision and priorities through the LGA business plan, taking advice from the LGA Board.
- 4. Determining LGA policy for cross-cutting policy issues, including the localism agenda.
- 5. Holding the Boards to account and providing a steer on complex policy issues.
- 6. Setting the annual LGA budget and subscriptions, taking advice from the LGA Board.
- 7. Appointing members to relevant European and International Bodies in accordance with the LGA's Political Conventions.
- 8. Co-ordinating growth and transport policy on the advice of City Regions, People & Places and Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Boards.
- 9. Determining finance and workforce policy on the advice of the Resources Portfolio.
- 10. Maintaining corporate oversight of equalities issues across the LGA.

The Executive Advisory Board can allocate responsibility to one or more of its members for particular areas within its remit and/or establish member task groups.

It can invite Chairs of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to attend meetings.

#### Quorum

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

## **Political Composition**

Conservative group: 9 members

Labour group: 9 members
Liberal Democrat group: 3 members
Independent group: 3 members

Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

## Frequency per year

Seven meetings to be held per year.

## **Reporting Accountabilities**

The Executive Advisory Board provides strategic direction to the work of the LGA, having regard to any advice from the LGA Board.