

**Meeting:** People and Places Board

**Date:** 10 January 2023



## People and Places forward plan

### Purpose of report

For direction

### Summary

This short paper sets out future Board dates with proposals for discussion topics.

**Is this report confidential?** No

### Recommendation/s

That the Board agree the forward plan.

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## Background

1. The Board will meet five times over the course of the Board cycle. The following table sets out an initial forward plan for lead members' comment. The plan will be updated and further content added throughout the cycle in response to current events and Board priorities.
2. At the November Board, members expressed an interest in a wide-ranging discussion encompassing a number of topics, including:
  - the impact of the cost of living crisis in rural and coastal areas
  - transport connectivity, particularly buses and HGV routing
  - the role of and opportunities for agriculture and food production
  - second homes, and affordable housing more broadly
  - capacity and recruitment issues in non-metropolitan councils.
3. Time on the January Board meeting is limited due to the number of projects that need member engagement before financial year end. The forward plan below suggests setting aside time at the March meeting to have a fuller discussion on these issues.
4. In 2021, the Board [commissioned Pragmatix Advisory](#) to explore the economic challenges facing rural and coastal areas, with a particular focus on deprivation. One way to structure a Board discussion might be to use the 2021 report as a baseline for the discussion. Officers could review the report's findings in light of any new evidence and consider progress made against its [recommendations](#). It might be that members would wish to commission a fuller update to the report as a result of that discussion.

Date	Papers	Guest speaker(s)
<i>23 September 2022</i>	<i>Terms of reference Work programme Levelling Up Green jobs and retrofit EDI skills and employment Digital inclusion Growth funding</i>	<i>Cllr Mark Hawthorne</i>

<p>8 November 2022</p>	<p><i>Final terms of reference LGA Plan and reflections on new Government Britain's Leading Edge Green jobs, including new BEIS project Place pilots research Levelling Up Locally inquiry</i></p>	<p><i>Cllr Linda Taylor</i></p> <p><i>Sarah Longlands, CLES</i></p>
<p>10 January 2023</p>	<p><i>Levelling Up Locally next steps Digital inclusion project findings Work Local next steps, including project updates on EDI skills and inclusion and green jobs Economic development and LEP projects Growth project</i></p>	<p><i>DMS Consulting; Cllr Mark Hawthorne</i></p> <p><i>Shared Intelligence</i></p> <p><i>Growth project suppliers</i></p>
<p><b>14 March 2023</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview discussion: key issues facing non-metropolitan local government</li> <li>• Discussion with the NFU</li> <li>• Rural-proofing Whitehall policy and the Rural England Prosperity Fund</li> <li>• Growth project findings</li> <li>• EDI skills and improvement findings</li> <li>• Green jobs and retrofit project update</li> </ul>	<p>Minette Batters, NFU President (holding the date in her diary)</p> <p>Defra Minister and/or officials</p> <p>Growth project suppliers</p>
<p><b>06 June 2023</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Britain's Leading Edge</li> <li>• Digital connectivity update</li> <li>• Board's annual report</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Linda Taylor</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p>