

## Community Wellbeing Board 2023/24: How it works for you, Terms of Reference, and Board Membership

### Purpose of report

For information.

### Summary

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

The Community Wellbeing Board is asked to note and agree their Terms of Reference for the 2023/24 year.

### Recommendations

That the Community Wellbeing Board:

- i. agrees to note its [Terms of Reference](#);
- ii. formally notes the [membership for 2023/24](#), and;
- iii. note the [Board meeting dates for 2023/24](#);

### Action

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.

### **2023/24 Terms of reference and membership**

3. The Community Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference are set out [here](#) for agreement.
4. The Community Wellbeing Board's Membership are set out [here](#) for noting.
5. The Community Wellbeing Boards meeting dates for 2023/24 are found at [here](#) for noting.

### **Community Wellbeing Board Lead Members**

6. The LGA seeks where possible to work on the basis of consensus across all four groups. The Community Wellbeing 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.
7. The Lead Members for 2023/24 are:
  - 7.1 Cllr David Fothergill, Chairman (Conservative Group)
  - 7.2 Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Vice-Chair (Labour Group)
  - 7.3 Cllr Sarah Osborne, Deputy Chair (Liberal Democrat Group)
  - 7.4 Cllr Gillian Ford, Deputy Chair (Independent Group)

### **The Community Wellbeing Board team**

8. 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.
9. The Community Wellbeing Board team supports the LGA's work on the Board's priorities relating to Community Wellbeing, and also a number of other discrete issues which are within the Board's remit. The team works with Board Members, the LGA press office and political groups to maintain local government's reputation on Community Wellbeing issues in the media, directs our lobbying work (according to Members' steer) in

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conjunction with the Parliamentary affairs team, and works collaboratively with other Boards across relevant cross cutting policy and improvement issues.

10. 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 if each engagement.
11. 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**

12. There are a number of internal and external communications channels available to help the Community Wellbeing Board promote the work it is doing and to seek views from our member authorities.
13. In the Autumn the Community Wellbeing Team participates in the National Children and Adult Services conference (NCASC) Organised by the Local Government Association (LGA), Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) and Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), the NCASC is regularly attended by more than 1,000 delegates. It is widely recognised as the most important annual event of its kind for councillors, directors, senior officers, policymakers and service managers with responsibilities for children's services, adult care and health in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors. This years NCASC will be held in Manchester from 29 November to 1 December.
14. 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.