

Membership and Terms of Reference for 2015/16

Purpose

For information.

Summary

For members to note the membership (set out on the page before the agenda in this pack) and agree the Terms of Reference of the Board for 2015/16.

Recommendation

Members note the membership of the board and agree the Terms of Reference.

Action

Officers respond accordingly to members' direction.

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Terms of Reference

1. The purpose of the LGA Councillors' Forum is to provide an effective means of holding the LGA to account by:
 - 1.1. Receiving reports from the LGA Board Chairs, providing views and challenge;
 - 1.2. Discussing topical cross-cutting issues impacting on local government to ensure effective connections are being made across Boards.
2. The LGA Councillors' Forum may:
 - 2.1. Receive briefings and hold discussions on topical issues impacting on local government, to ensure members have sufficient information to hold the LGA to account;
 - 2.2. Request the attendance of external speakers where that supports the Forum in carrying out its role.

Quorum

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

Political Composition

4. Conservative group: 41 members
 5. Labour group: 40 members
 6. Independent group: 10 members
 7. Liberal Democrat group: 9 members
8. Substitute members from each political group may also be appointed.

Frequency per year

9. Meetings to be held five times per year.

Reporting Accountabilities

10. The LGA Councillors' Forum is an advisory body that provides a steer to the Local Government Association LGA Executive on current priority issues for local government.