Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the LGA Audit Committee will be held on

Monday 6 March 2017 at 10am

South East Region Board Room at
Local Government House
148 Frome Street, Adelaide

Matt Pinnegar
Chief Executive Officer

27 February 2017
The objective of the LGA Audit Committee is to protect and create value for the LGA Board and its stakeholders. It provides recommendations to the LGA Board, contributing to a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of financial management, risk management, internal controls and governance processes.

The Audit Committee’s composition includes one LGA Board Member, and three independent members. The Chair is an independent member. The current members are Rosina Hislop (Chair), Mayor David Parkin, Ms Yvonne Sneddon, Mr Alan Tregilgas.

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LGA Audit Committee Agenda
For a meeting to be held on Monday 6 March 2017 at 10am
LG House, 148 Frome Street, Adelaide

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The next meeting of the Audit Committee is to be held Tuesday 9 May 2017
(10.30am - 1.30pm) at LG House, 148 Frome Street, Adelaide.
1. Present

The meeting was declared open at 9.00am with the following attendances and apologies being noted.

Ms Rosina Hislop           Independent Chair
Mayor David Parkin         LGA Board Member Representative
Ms Yvonne Sneddon          Independent Member
Mr Alan Tregilgas          Independent Member

LGA Staff In Attendance
Ms Kathy Jarrett           Executive Director Corporate & Member Services
Ms Chantel Venn            Acting Director Finance
Mr Ben Swan                 Senior Finance Officer
Mrs Natasha Black          Minute Taker

Apology
Matt Pinnegar              Chief Executive Officer

2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Ms Sneddon declared a conflict of interest in the matters before the meeting relating to public lighting (refer to items 7.1 and 7.2) on the basis that she is a member of the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) Audit and Risk Committee, and the matters before the Committee and the LGA Board for consideration regarding public lighting are being pursued in partnership with DPTI.

Ms Sneddon advised that she had been appointed to the Boards of Catherine House Incorporated and Unity Housing Pty Ltd. She did not expect that these appointments would give rise to any conflict of interest or duty with the LGA Audit Committee.
3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the LGA Audit Committee meeting held on 13 September 2016

Moved Mayor Parkin, Seconded Mr Tregilgas that:

The minutes of the LGA Audit Committee meeting held on 13 September 2016 were confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings with the following amendment:

At item 5.2 ‘LGA Audited End of Year Financial Statements 2015/2015’, the first paragraph is to read that the following matters had been ‘discussed’ rather than 'noted / clarified / observed’. The following matter was also resolved to be highlighted to the Board:

‘The carrying value of LGA House as contained in the statements was based on the last external revaluation as at 30 June 2013 by Maloney Field Services. In adopting this valuation, the Board should be satisfied that no material impairment exists, and in so doing, could consider market information including the Valuer General’s current year valuation of the building. Management confirmed that an external valuation of LGA House would be undertaken in the current financial year”.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Review of Business Arising, Action Statement and Program of Work

Business arising from previous meetings was discussed, and the status of action items noted. The inclusion of a due date for the completion of the LGA Schemes Review is to be considered for future reports.

4.2 Update on LGA Board Activities

Mayor Parkin and the Executive Director Corporate & Member Services provided a verbal update on LGA Board Activities since the last Audit Committee meeting. Items highlighted included:

- The election of a new LGA Board and President, the transition of Mayor Burgess to Immediate Past President, the appointment of Vice Presidents including Mayor Parkin, Cr Clearihan, Mayor Hunt and Mayor Vickery.
- The Board’s resolution concerning the composition of the Audit Committee with the reappointment of Ms Hislop as the chair and Mayor Parkin as the Board representative with Mayor Redman (Barossa Council) as Deputy.

- The Board deferred the appointment of a third independent member to the Committee until the Committee had undertaken a review of its composition, performance over the last 12 months and the adequacy of the Committee’s terms of reference.

- Mayor David O’Loughlin (Prospect), an LGA Board member has been appointed for a 2-year term as President of the Australian Local Government Association.

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 LGA Audit Committee Schedule of Meetings and Work Program

Discussion was held on the following matters pertaining to the indicative Audit Committee work program for 2017:

- LGA Audit Committee Charter and/or Terms of Reference have been reviewed and referenced in the indicative work program where relevant.

- The Committee’s preparation for the joint workshop with the Board will be finalized at the 26 July 2017 meeting. The topic for the workshop is likely to be risk management / appetite and financial sustainability.

- A status report on progress against previous audit findings is to be presented to each Committee meeting.

Moved Mayor Parkin, Seconded Mr Tregilgas that the LGA Audit Committee:

1. adopts the indicative schedule of meetings for 2017 as follows:

   - Tuesday 6 March 2017 (10am - 1pm)
   - Tuesday 9 May 2017 (10.30am - 1.30pm)
   - Tuesday 26 July 2017 (1pm - 4pm)
   - Thursday 17 August 2017 (Time TBC) - joint workshop with the Board
   - Tuesday 19 September 2017 (10.30am - 1.30pm)
   - Tuesday 21 November 2017 (10.30am - 1.30pm)

2. notes the indicative work program for 2017.

CARRIED
5.2 LGA Audit Committee Performance Review - Proposed Approach

Discussion was held regarding the approach to adopt in undertaking a review of the Audit Committee’s performance and the following was noted:

- An internal review could be conducted given the Committee’s infancy and an external review would be costly and not necessary at this stage.

- Review questions will be developed by Committee members for distribution by the LGA Secretariat via survey monkey.

- Review questions to focus on an examination of what the Committee has been asked to do, against what has been achieved to date.

- The vacancy left by Mr Tregilgas will remain temporarily vacant as endorsed by the LGA Board so that the position can be considered in the context of Committee’s review outcomes.

**ACTION:** Survey questions to be constructed by Committee members, following which they would be distributed by the LGA Secretariat via Survey Monkey. Responses to be provided at the 6 March 2017 meeting for discussion purposes.

5.3 Draft Long Term Financial Plan

**Moved Mayor Parkin; Seconded: Mr Tregilgas:**

That formal meeting procedures be suspended to facilitated discussion on the Draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) in an informal workshop setting.  

CARRIED

The Committee noted the development of the LTFP including various key assumptions upon which the Plan had been based.

Discussion was held on the Draft LTFP with feedback being provided across several areas including:

- Relationship of the LTFP with the LGA’s strategic objectives;

- LGA assets and ownership of LG House;

- Project revenue, costs, management, risks;
- Income sources and the impact of change; key areas of expenditure; setting relevant financial indicators and targets;

- Analysis of the proposal to borrow funds for the State Local Government Infrastructure Partnership (SLGIP);

- Consideration of costs associated with pursuing the recovery of payments made by councils to SAPN (refer to the confidential minutes - Item 7.1 for details of the Committee’s consideration of this item).

MEETING ADJOURNMENT / RESUMPTION

The meeting adjourned at 10.50 am and resumed at 11am.

Discussion continued regarding the draft Long Term Financial Plan with the following feedback being recommended for the Board’s consideration:

1. A strategic financial approach should be taken to align the LGA’s financial model to the LGA’s functions of advocacy; assist; advance. This will help provide perspective and relativity to funding sources and expenses, which in turn will contribute to the Board’s decision making regarding member subscriptions and services.

2. Assumptions within the LTFP re LG House to be fully tested. Furthermore, a business case should be prepared regarding the continued ownership of LG House. For both aspects, the following matters should be taken into account:

   - Building valuation to be expedited;

   - Does ownership fit within the strategic objectives of the LGA?

   - Confirm 10-year building capex plan; maintenance and improvement costs;

   - Tenancy assumptions: ensure based on 10-year outlook; to be tested against market yield; is 100% occupancy realistic; lease terms and duration;

   - Other options including rental.

3. Projects funded via grants should be reviewed to ensure risks are identified and managed; project costs are appropriately attributed including LGA costs for project management and reporting; tools for project management are available; projects are properly accounted for.
4. In terms of income sources: sensitivity modelling should be undertaken including different basis for subscription fee increases from the 2.5% assumed in the LTFP; other changes in income both increases and reductions e.g. tenancies, schemes, commercial operations, fee for service. Generating funds for improvement should also be considered.

5. In terms of expenditure: close consideration of costs should be undertaken on an ongoing basis. Sources of LGA revenue able to repay debt should also be identified.

6. A series of key financial indicators and targets should be set including liquidity indicators (more than a quick ratio).

7. In terms of the proposed State Local Government Infrastructure Partnership (SLGIP), the Committee noted the Secretariat’s modelling including that:

   - the proposed arrangement does not adversely affect the financial sustainability of the LGA over the 10 year LTFP timeframe in terms of cash flow; and

   - compared to the base model LTFP, the change in Retained Earnings is negligible.

Whilst noting the impact of the proposed SLGIP arrangements on the LGA financials is negligible, the Committee recommended that the Board also consider the arrangement having regard to an assessment of risk and benefit, with potential additional overhead costs to the LGA being quantified. The proposal should also be aligned with, and demonstrate outcomes against the LGA’s strategic objectives.

6. REPORTS FOR NOTING

6.1 LGA ½ Yearly Budget Review

The Audit Committee noted the LGA ½ yearly budget review which was presented to the Board for consideration at their January 2017 meeting. In noting the report, the Committee:

   - observed the seasonal (rather than cyclical) nature of LGA revenue;

   - noted that in future periods, budget review reports would be presented to the Audit Committee prior to consideration by the Board.
6.2 LGA Governance Review Update

The Audit Committee noted the update report provided on the LGA Governance Review project and in so doing, recommended that the ‘public corporation’ description of a commercial enterprise board be amended to read ‘corporation’.

7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Draft LGA Long Term Financial Plan - Confidential Appendix 1 & Model Two

Moved Mr Tregilgas; Seconded: Mayor Parkin:

That the LGA Audit Committee:

1. resolves to consider Agenda Item 7.1 – Draft Long Term Financial Plan Appendix 1 & Model Two in confidence being satisfied that the information received, discussed and considered in relation to Agenda Item 7.1 is information, the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position; and

2. orders all observers at the meeting, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 7.1 – Draft Long Term Financial Plan Appendix 1 & Model Two.

CARRIED

11.34am Ms Sneddon declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting for Items 7.1 Draft LGA Long Term Financial Plan - Confidential Appendix 1 & Model Two and Item 7.2 Public Lighting Business Case on the basis that she is a member of the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) Audit and Risk Committee, and the matters before the Committee and the LGA Board for consideration regarding public lighting are being pursued in partnership with DPTI.

Moved Mr Tregilgas; Seconded: Mayor Parkin:

That the LGA Audit Committee moves out of confidence and having considered Agenda Item 7.1 – Draft Long Term Financial Plan Appendix 1 & Model Two in confidence resolves to retain the report, any attachments to the report and the minutes pertaining to this item in confidence until the matter is settled because it is information, the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position.

CARRIED
7.2 Public Lighting Business Case

Moved Mr Tregilgas; Seconded: Mayor Parkin:

That the LGA Audit Committee:

3. resolves to consider Agenda Item 7.2 – Public Lighting Business Case Update in confidence being satisfied that the information received, discussed and considered in relation to Agenda Item 7.2 is information, the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position; and

4. orders all observers at the meeting, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 7.2 – Public Lighting Business Case Update.

CARRIED

Moved Mr Tregilgas; Seconded: Mayor Parkin:

That the LGA Audit Committee moves out of confidence and having considered Agenda Item 7.2 – Public Lighting Business Case Update in confidence resolves to retain the report, any attachments to the report and the minutes pertaining to this item in confidence until the matter is settled because it is information the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position.

CARRIED

11.57am Ms Sneddon re-entered the meeting

7.3 LGA Schemes Review Update

Moved Mr Tregilgas; Seconded: Mayor Parkin:

That the LGA Audit Committee:

1. resolves to consider Agenda Item 7.3 – Schemes Review Update in confidence being satisfied that the information received, discussed and considered in relation to Agenda Item 7.3 is information, the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position; and

2. orders all observers at the meeting, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 7.3 – Schemes Review Update.

CARRIED
Moved Mr Tregilgas; Seconded: Mayor Parkin:

That the LGA Audit Committee moves out of confidence and having considered Agenda Item 7.3 – Schemes Review Update in confidence resolves to retain the report, any attachments to the report and the minutes pertaining to this item in confidence until such time as the details of the Schemes Review are released, as if released, the information contained therein could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair acknowledged that this was Mr Tregilgas’s last meeting and extended the Committee’s heartfelt thanks for his strong contribution since the Committee’s establishment.

9. NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the LGA Audit Committee is scheduled to be held at:

Time: 10.00am
Date: 6 March 2017
Venue: Murray and Mallee Region Board Room,
       LG House, 148 Frome Street, Adelaide

Meeting closed 12.06pm

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6.1 Governance Review Update

Report for Discussion
From: Kathy Jarrett, Executive Director Corporate & Member Services
Key Initiative: K.I 3 Best practice and continuous improvement
Strategy: 3C Improve LGA governance and operations with a focus on people, finances and our members
Meeting: LGA Audit Committee 6 March 2017
ECM: 647537 Attachment/s: 649934

Recommendation
That the LGA Audit Committee:
1. notes the report;

Discussion
As previously advised, following the last round of engagement a series of guiding principles have been developed to inform the writing of a new LGA Constitution. Those principles are provided at Appendix 1 for the Committee’s information purposes.

Next Steps
- A Leadership Group comprising Mayors and CEOs from both regional and metropolitan, large and small councils will review the guiding principles in detail, and refine the overall LGA structure further.
- Input will be sought from experts in corporate governance to ensure that the LGAs structure is considered from both representational and contemporary corporate governance aspects.
- Finalise draft Constitution based on feedback received. Present revised LGA structure and associated Constitution to the April 2017 Ordinary General Meeting for information purposes, noting that further consultation with members and the Minister for Local Government will be undertaken during May - August.
- Update draft Constitution with any feedback / comments from the Minister, and refer to the November Annual General Meeting for adoption.
- During the period November 2017 – November 2018 progressively implement transitional arrangements as necessary.
- Post November 2018 Local Government General Election, full implementation of new governance arrangements.
Principles for the future LGA governance structure.

The following guiding Principles have emerged from consultations:

**A. Core foundational Principles.**

1. The LGA statutory “recognition” should remain in a Schedule to the Local Government Act thereby recognising the importance of a peak body to the system of local government in South Australia.

2. The LGA Constitution should be simplified in form and substance and only essential constitutional issues should be found in the Constitution.

3. The LGA Constitution reflects the fundamental entitlement and responsibility of all Councils and related entities including Unincorporated Areas. It is the “one voice” representative of all voluntarily participating “members” of the LGA.

4. The LGA Constitution should highlight that the fundamental purpose of all participating councils and related entities in LGA membership is to adopt high level policy positions that represent sector wide views and a “local government” vision for the State.

5. Governance of the LGA should remain the sovereign right and responsibility of all members exercised at General Meetings of members, primarily through powers that determine the future “constitutional” direction of the LGA subject only to the Minister’s statutory consent to any proposed changes to the Constitution.

6. The LGA Constitution will determine the procedures for General Meetings of members of which there will be an Annual General Meeting and such other meetings as are so determined.

**B. Representative Council**

7. The “Representative Council” elected by the members will be charged with the responsibility of receiving and debating proposed policy for the local government industry to be referred to a Meeting of members to consider for adoption.

8. “Local government” policy positions should be developed through a Representative Council and determined through regular and broadly represented General Meetings.

9. General Meetings of the LGA members should be preceded by a Representative Council meeting whose responsibility is to receive from regional members all member requests for policy development, consider prospective policy positions, review such policy positions, and ensure informed debate does occur.

10. The outcomes of General Meetings of LGA Members should then be supported by the LGA Secretariat through the compiling and continuous review of an evidence based Policy Manual.
C. Organising Members

11. The LGA Constitution will empower the Representative Council to make rules governing the way in which members organise themselves for the composition and election of people to the Representative Council and the referral of matters in the nature of policy development for the purpose of regional / state development.

12. The rules will be embodied in a “Charter” developed by the Representative Council and approved by members at a General Meeting.

13. The rules will ensure an equal representation between the greater Adelaide region and regional / rural South Australia.

14. The rules will provide for a President, who will be drawn from both greater Adelaide and regional areas on a rotational basis.

D. Charter

15. The Charter for LGA will:
   * determine the appropriate criteria for “regions” for LGA governance purposes to better engage the diverse “communities of interest” within the local government communities in SA, for the purpose of regional policy development
   * determine the constituency and organisation of such “regions”.
   * determine how the “Representative Council” will be elected from the membership of regional organisations and for what term.
   * determine how an Executive Committee of the LGA will be appointed by the “Representative Council”.
   * the Charter will be adopted by the members at a General Meeting coincident with the adoption of a new Constitution anticipated to be in November 2017.

E. Executive Committee

16. There will be an “Executive Committee” which will be the key governing entity of the LGA.

17. The “Executive Committee” will be skills based, derived from the Representative Council.

18. The Executive Committee is charged with ensuring the proper management and governance of the LGA as a corporate body. It will oversee the Secretariat’s operations, generally managing the activities of the LGA and ensuring the delivery of value to members.

19. The Executive Committee’s key areas of focus are strategy (informed by the policy positions adopted by members at General Meetings), corporate policy, monitoring performance, accountability to members, aligning and managing the performance of the CEO.

20. The LGA Secretariat should be structured primarily to support the policy development and advocacy role of the LGA acting under direction from the “Executive Committee” and through the work of the Representative Council and the decisions of the members at General Meetings.
21. The LGA Secretariat will also implement, under the direction of the “Executive Committee”, “member services” (both subsidized and commercial) offered beyond the primary function of “policy development, leadership and advocacy”.

22. The “Executive Committee” will ensure a strategic financial approach is taken to managing the LGA by aligning the LGA’s financial model to the LGA’s functions of advocacy and member services. This will help provide perspective and relativity to funding sources and expenses, which in turn will contribute to decision making regarding member subscriptions and service design and delivery.

F. Regional groupings of members

23. Recognising the potentially different communities of interest throughout the State of SA, members will be encouraged to organise themselves in voluntary “local” regional groupings through which all new policy positions will first be received, considered, reviewed and then developed for presentation to and consideration by the “Representative Council” before presentation to a General Meeting of members.

24. Recognising the voluntary nature of such regional groupings and the fact that over time there may be changes to such regional group constituents the rules in the Charter will be as flexible as necessary to ensure that a dynamic situation exists and is facilitated.

25. Members will be free to associate (or not) in such regional groupings as they determine to be in their individual and collective “best interests” in accord with the Charter for LGA governance purposes.

26. Taking the existing “regional structure” as an example, there may be two principal regional organisations, namely the South Australian Region of Councils (SAROC) representing the collective rural communities, and the Greater Adelaide Region of Councils (GAROC) representing the collective urban and peri-urban communities.

27. Consideration needs be given as to how the entities in the Unincorporated Areas (including the Aboriginal Communities and the Outback Communities Authority) engage with the LGA and the wider local government communities in a “regional” context, for example do they constitute a “region” in their own right or are they better served by joining a “region” including other members from the far north of the State.

28. Members forming a “local” regional grouping will self determine their existence and function subject only to any rules in the “Charter”.

29. The resourcing of regional groupings of members (both financial and human resources will be derived from financial contributions from the regional membership and other support from the LGA.

G. General

30. Recognising that while all members are participants in the various commercial enterprises supported by the LGA, they should be entitled to “opt into” receipt of such other LGA provided “members services” as they may individually determine.
7.1 External Auditors Engagement - Grounds for moving into confidence

Confidential Reports
From: Chantel Venn, Acting Director Finance
Key Initiative: K.I 3 Best practice and continuous improvement
Strategy: 3D Develop, review and improve LGA commercial enterprises
Meeting: LGA Audit Committee 6 March 2017
ECM: 647545

Recommendation
Resolution to move into confidence:
That the LGA Audit Committee:

1. resolves to consider Agenda Item 7.1 – External Auditors Engagement in confidence being satisfied that the information received, discussed or considered in relation to Agenda Item 7.1 is information, the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s commercial position in an upcoming tender for the supply of external audit services; and

2. orders all observers at the meeting, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 7.1 – External Auditors Engagement.

Resolution to deal with the information discussed in confidence:
That the LGA Audit Committee moves out of confidence and having considered Agenda Item 7.1 – External Auditors Engagement in confidence resolves to retain the report and minutes in confidence indefinitely as release of the information could prejudice the LGA’s commercial position in an upcoming tender for the supply of external audit services.

Discussion
Refer to confidential report.
7.2 Status Report on Previous Audit Findings - Grounds for moving into confidence

Confidential Reports

From: Chantel Venn, Acting Director Finance
Key Initiative: K.I 3 Best practice and continuous improvement
Strategy: 3C Improve LGA governance and operations with a focus on people, finances and our members
Meeting: LGA Audit Committee 6 March 2017
ECM: 647482

Recommendation

Resolution to move into confidence:
That the LGA Audit Committee:

1. resolves to consider Agenda Item 7.2 – “Status Report on Previous Audit Findings” in confidence being satisfied that the information received, discussed or considered in relation to Agenda Item 7.2 is information that
   a. could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the LGA is conducting (or proposing to conduct) business, or to prejudice the position of the LGA (and would, on balance, be contrary to public interest);
   b. may contain matters affecting the security of the LGA employees, Members, Council employees or Council property, or the safety of any person; and

2. orders all observers at the meeting, with the exception of the LGA Audit Committee members and staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 7.2 - “Status Report on Previous Audit Findings”.

Resolution to deal with the information discussed in confidence:
That the LGA Audit Committee moves out of confidence and having considered Agenda Item 7.2 - “Status Report on Previous Audit Findings” in confidence resolves to retain the report, its attachment and/or resolution in confidence until the internal controls have been successfully implemented in relation to this matter.

Discussion

Refer to confidential agenda.
7.3 Public Lighting Business Case Update - Grounds for moving into confidence

Confidential Reports
From: Kathy Jarrett, Executive Director Corporate & Member Services
Key Initiative: K.I 3 Best practice and continuous improvement
Strategy: 3C Improve LGA governance and operations with a focus on people, finances and our members
Meeting: LGA Audit Committee 6 March 2017
ECM: 647538

Recommendation

Resolution to move into confidence:
That the LGA Audit Committee:

1. resolves to consider Agenda Item 7.3 - Public Lighting Business Case Update in confidence being satisfied that the information received, discussed or considered in relation to Agenda Item 7.3 is information, the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiating position; and

2. orders all observers at the meeting, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 7.3 - Public Lighting Business Case Update.

Resolution to deal with the information discussed in confidence:
That the LGA Audit Committee moves out of confidence and having considered Agenda Item 7.3 - Public Lighting Business Case Update in confidence resolves to retain the report and resolution in confidence until the matter is settled because it is information, the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position.

Discussion
Refer to confidential report.
7.4 LGA Schemes Review Update – Grounds for moving into confidence

Confidential Reports

From: Kathy Jarrett, Executive Director, Corporate and Member Services

Key Initiative: K.I 3 Best practice and continuous improvement

Strategy: 3C Improve LGA governance and operations with a focus on people, finances and our members

Meeting: LGA Audit Committee 6 March 2017

ECM: 649935

Recommendation

Resolution to move into confidence:

That the LGA Audit Committee:

1. resolves to consider Agenda Item 7.4 - LGA Schemes Review Update in confidence being satisfied that the information received, discussed or considered in relation to Agenda Item 7.4 is information that the release of which could prejudice the LGA’s strategic negotiation position; and

2. orders all observers at the meeting, with the exception of staff on duty, be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 7.4 - LGA Schemes Review Update.

Resolution to deal with the information discussed in confidence:

That the LGA Audit Committee moves out of confidence and having considered Agenda Item 7.4 - LGA Schemes Review Update in confidence resolves to retain the report and minutes in confidence until such time as the details of the LGA Schemes Review are released, as if released, the information contained therein could prejudice the LGA’s strategic or negotiation position.

Discussion

Refer to confidential report.