

# Value for Money & Collaboration

## **Agenda item 4 - Planning for Shadow Scheme Advisory Board event on collaboration**

### **1) Background**

Following previous sub-committee discussions on the possibility of the Shadow Scheme Advisory Board (SSAB) holding an event on collaboration in the LGPS, the SSAB agreed at its 15<sup>th</sup> September 2014 meeting that this event should take place, that it should be free to administering authorities and asked that the sub-committee continue its planning for this event.

NB - At that meeting the SSAB also agreed that an event would be a valuable opportunity to demonstrate the work that the SSAB has already undertaken generally and its plans for the future. For this reason, the draft programme in part 2 of this paper suggests that a session is held on SSAB more generally.

This paper seeks to outline in broad terms the main questions which will need to be answered in planning for the event so that a formal proposal may be made to the SSAB. The sub-committee is asked to:

- Consider the content of the event programme and agree a proposal for consideration by the SSAB [part 2].
- Discuss and reach agreement on the hosting of the event [part 3].

### **Next steps**

- Following the meeting a proposal for the event to be circulated to the sub-committee for comment.
- Upon agreement, proposal to be circulated to the SSAB for their consideration.

### **2) Draft programme**

Below are some of the possible topics for inclusion in the programme. The sub-committee are asked to consider:

- a) if all of these topics should be included in the event programme and if each warrant their own session,
- b) if there are other topics which should be covered, and
- c) the speaker background and experience which should be sought for each session.

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No.	Title	Rough idea of content
1	An overview to the Shadow Scheme Advisory Board and to collaborations in the LGPS	a) The SSAB - work undertaken since establishment b) The SSAB - plans for the future c) A background to collaboration in the LGPS
2	Value for money in collaborations	a) What is value for money? b) How you can assess value for money
3	Shared services	a) Key considerations in choosing to enter in to a shared service arrangement. b) How to set one up
4	An introduction to common investment vehicles	a) An introduction b) Types - pros and cons c) Examples
5	Procurement frameworks	a) Available opportunities b) Key considerations c) What further opportunities are ahead?
6	When things don't go as planned	a) Problems that can arise b) What to do when things do go wrong c) Planning to prevent problems arising
7	The future for collaborations in the LGPS	a) Government consultation and investment reforms b) Opportunities for further collaboration c) The role of the Scheme Advisory Board

### 3) Hosting

There are three main considerations which will need to be accounted for in determining the hosting of the event:

- Location - A concern often raised is that the role of the SSAB isn't sufficiently visible and there is a perception that the SSAB is a closed network. Hosting an event is a useful opportunity to refute these concerns and hosting a free event outside of London may encourage funds who would not normally attend to send representatives.

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- Timescales - It is important that the event is staged in the near future in order to demonstrate to the Government the work being undertaken within the LGPS in addressing cost concerns through collaboration, and to impart knowledge to those funds currently considering entering into their own collaborations.
- Funding - Ensuring sufficient financing of such an event will be necessary in order that the SSAB can commence its planning. Financially, the SSAB currently has no funding and it may therefore be necessary to wait until April 2015 when the Scheme Advisory Board becomes statutorily established in order that there are sufficient finances to organise the event.

In light of the above, there are three broad options for hosting the event which the sub-committee are asked to consider:

- a) The event is hosted by the Board secretariat at Local Government House. This would not have a direct cost and so would mean that the event could be hosted prior to the statutory Scheme Advisory Board receiving its statutory funding from April 2015. However, it would lose the opportunity for the SSAB to be seen to be getting out of London.
- b) The event is hosted by an organisation represented on the SSAB or the sub-committee. This would not have a direct cost and so would mean that the event could be hosted prior to the statutory Scheme Advisory Board receiving its statutory funding from April 2015. It could also mean that the event could be hosted outside of London.
- c) The event is held after April 2015 when the statutory Board has funding and a central location is found outside of London for the event to be hosted.

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