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Practitioner Advisory Board: steering future development

We work closely with a number of UK and international organisations and the Advisory Board will play an important role to help ensure that INLOGOV continues to build on its substantial reputation for high quality, for relevance and for its role in leading the development of practice in local governance and public management.

The advisory board group comprises the following members:

Jasmine Ali is a consultant working on a number of cross cutting projects to promote local democracy and the delivery of exemplary services. She has worked in the public sector for 20 years and has 15 years of senior management experience latterly at the LGIU and before that at Westminster City Council, with a major focus on the development of policy and practical arrangements for the provision of services to vulnerable disadvantaged children.

Dominic Campbell is a digital government and social innovation entrepreneur with a background in government policy, communications and service improvement. Having spent 5 years in local government, Dominic established FutureGov consultancy in early 2008. FutureGov supports central and local government in the UK to better understand and draw on social technology in the areas of digital democracy and public service innovation.

Martin Ferguson, Head of Policy for the Society of IT Management where he leads on national strategy for ICT in local public services. Career spans planning, housing, leisure services corporate policy, information and technology services in local government and at the Improvement and Development Agency. A past student on the INLOGOV MBA programme and an Honorary Senior Lecturer at INLOGOV.

Olwen Hamer has worked for a number of years at a strategic level both within the Third Sector and within Local Government. She is a member of the Editorial Board of Critical Social Policy, a Stoke City Councillor and Cabinet Member. Her research, training and teaching interests are within the area of Equality and Diversity. MEP candidate.

Michael Hughes is Director of Studies and Knowledge at the Audit Commission, managing 20 researchers and knowledge specialists. He is also a member of the ESRC Evaluation Committee and of the strategic board of the Local Authorities and Research Councils initiative.

David Lloyd is the deputy leader of Hertfordshire County Council and the executive member for resources and economic wellbeing, leading on the budget at Cabinet and being the council's nominee on the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

Joyce Markham has worked in local government for over 30 years and held the post of Chief Executive at Reading Borough Council where she formed the new unitary authority and more recently was the Chief Executive of L.B. Harrow. She now works as a consultant specialsing in SMEs and regeneration and is a qualified coach.

Laura McGillivray has been Chief Executive of Norwich City Council since 2006. She was previously Deputy Chief Executive at the City of York Council, Director of Community Services at Dacorum Borough Council and Head of Policy and Communications at Milton Keynes Unitary Council having led the transition from District to Unitary.

Dr Ita O'Donovan is a board member of the New Local Government Network (NLGN), the Centre for Public Policy Seminars and medium term expert for the Kosovo Municipal Government EU project.

Councilor David Smith is the former Leader of Lichfield District Council and plays an active and influential role in local government policy making and implementation at a national level. David sits on the Local Government Association Environment and Housing Board and is also a member of the National Planning Forum.

Anthony Zacharzewski worked for ten years in Whitehall and five years in local government. Since February 2010 he has run the Democratic Society, a new non-profit organisation which promotes civic participation and better democracy.

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