



Non-Executive Board Member – LGA Liberal
Democrat Nominee
(remunerated)

Role description

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INTRODUCTION

Local Partnerships LLP is a joint venture between HM Treasury and the Local Government Association. We were formed in 2009 to help the public sector deliver projects at the local level. We support central and local government, health, and other local bodies, to ensure key priorities are delivered and clients secure value for money.

The Board of Local Partnerships currently comprises twelve positions of Director as follows:

- Four people nominated by HM Treasury
- Four people nominated by the Local Government Association (politically affiliated)
- Three independent members
- The Chief Executive

With the exception of the Chief Executive all the roles are non-executive positions.

The current chairman is Sir David Wootton JP who is one of the independent members. We are now seeking to fill a vacancy for another of the independent Board positions.

The Board meets for formal meetings six times a year at the headquarters of Local Partnerships which is Local Government House, Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3HZ. In addition the Board meets for a strategy day once a year. Further attendance at relevant events will be required from time to time.

The role attracts remuneration of £7,000 p.a. for a commitment of half to one day per month. The remuneration is not pensionable. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Local Partnerships' expenses policy.

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LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Who we are and what we do

Local Partnerships is owned jointly by HM Treasury and the Local Government Association (LGA). We were set up to help ensure delivery of public sector projects and programmes at the local level. It was recognised that local authorities and other public bodies may find it uneconomic to employ the delivery capacity and commercial expertise required to deliver new policies, and we were established by the public sector for the public sector to address that need. We aim to assist local authorities and others to make their client and commissioning arrangements more effective, and ensure projects are brought forward in a way that ensures best value for money and timely delivery. Our business plan reflects key government and local priorities.

Our employees and associates are highly skilled and experienced specialists from the key disciplines required for project development, appraisal and implementation. We are extremely well-networked within the public sector and in touch with senior decision-makers in many public sector bodies.

Examples of current programmes:

- work with the newly formed Housing and Finance Institute helping local authorities with housing supply issues
- work for DEFRA helping procure and deliver waste infrastructure throughout England, and increasingly assisting with post-completion work on existing projects
- work for a variety of clients making savings in PFI projects
- savings programmes for local authorities and others, including a major programme for the Metropolitan Police
- the national RE:FIT programme, retro-fitting energy efficiency measures in public buildings
- work for the Welsh Government on implementing Green Growth Wales, a pipeline of energy efficiency and renewable technology projects
- work with a number of local authorities looking at alternative service delivery methods and integration of services, including integrated health and social care
- assurance and Gateway Reviews across the country

In addition we are planning expansion of our work in housing, and gearing up for a potential major new energy efficiency programme in England.

Most of our work is fee-earning, but about 10% comes from the Local Government Association in the form of Revenue Support Grant. This funding is used to support English local authorities in ways that will bring learning and benefit to local government generally.

Vision – what we are trying to do

Our vision is as simple as it is challenging: **to strengthen the public sector to deliver more effectively, achieve more swiftly, and give value for money to the taxpayer and customer.**

Operating principles – how we do it

Our operating principles are:

1. we only work for public sector bodies, the community-focused third sector, and related partners (including Local Enterprise Partnerships) with almost all our work being done in England and Wales
2. we focus business development on our owners' priorities
3. we bring added value to local public services, avoiding assignments others could readily provide
4. we share our learning rather than hoard our intellectual capital
5. our charging model aims to recover costs, not maximise surplus.

Values – what we stand for

We are motivated by public sector values:

- putting local people's needs first
- striving for efficiency and effectiveness
- cherishing diversity in people and services.

In 2015-16 the turnover of Local Partnerships was £9 million, and there was a surplus of £0.5 million.

Board members - the role

The role of a Board member is:

- to have oversight of the organisation as a whole, ensuring costs are covered by income, and the priorities of the members are addressed appropriately.
- to account to the Members of the Limited Liability Partnership (HM Treasury and the LGA) accordingly
- to act as an ambassador for Local Partnerships when networking in other roles
- to represent Local Partnerships at external events, as requested and agreed
- to be a resource (for expertise or judgement) by the executive staff

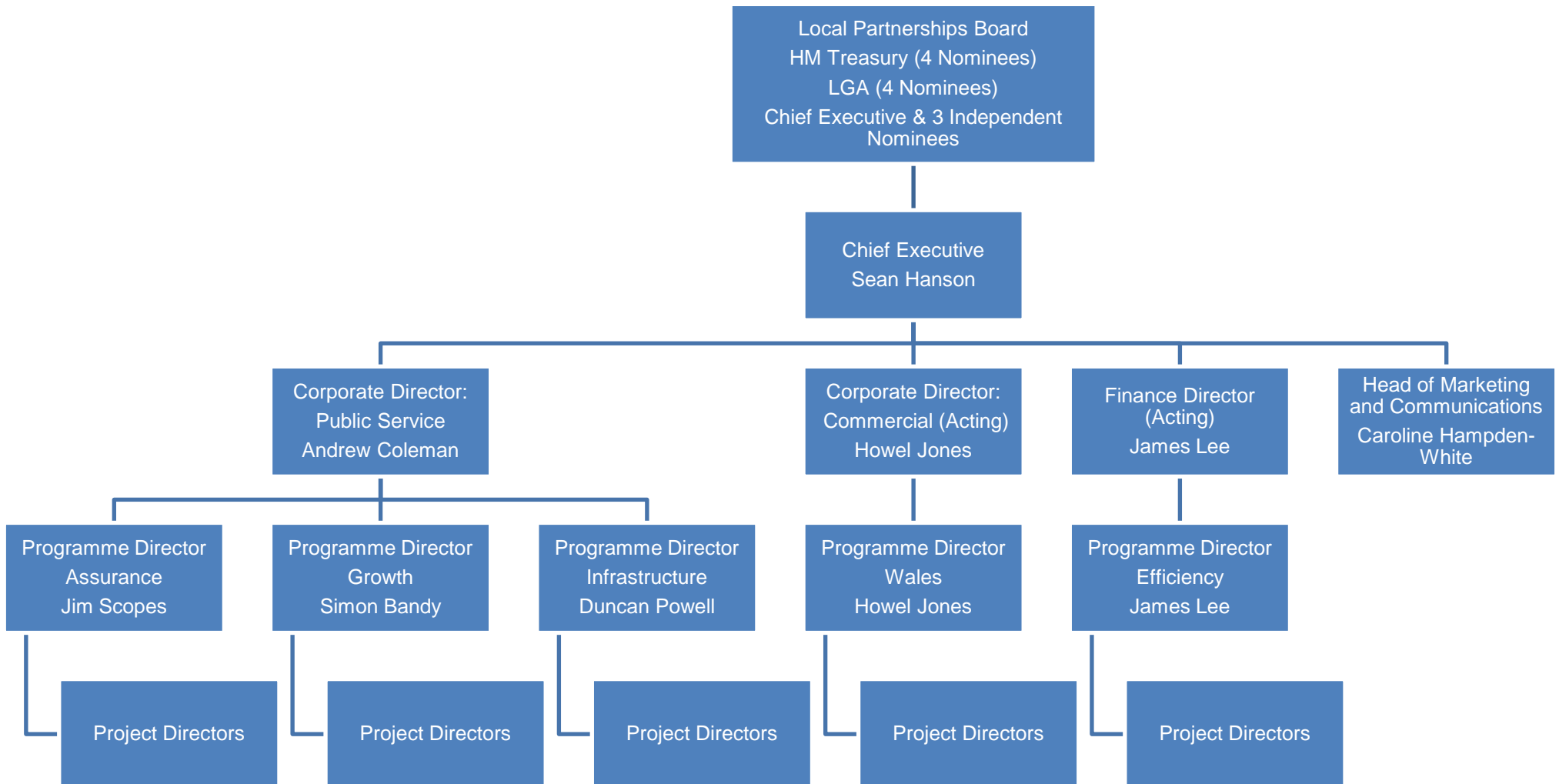
The organisation is led managerially by the Leadership Team comprising Sean Hanson, Chief Executive, Andrew Coleman, Corporate Director (Public Services), Caroline Hampden-White, Head of Marketing and Communications, Howel Jones, Corporate Director (Acting), James Lee, Finance Director (Acting).

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are looking for a Liberal Democrat Board member who is not currently employed within central or local government, but who has a good understanding of the public sector, and an understanding of the pressures of running a small professional services organisation. We are keen to increase the diversity of the Board, and applications from people from ethnic minorities, women, and people with disabilities are encouraged. In addition we seek the following characteristics:

- a record of distinction from the private or public sectors, but in a field of relevance to the work of Local Partnerships
- strong academic and/or professional qualifications
- An excellent grasp of the commercial aspects of running a small business, coupled with respect for the democratic process
- excellent communication skills
- experience of building effective relationships with key stakeholders such as local authority leaders and chief executives and central government ministers and senior officials
- good understanding of finance or commerce
- values consonant with those of Local Partnerships LLP

ORGANISATION CHART



REMUNERATION DETAILS

The role attracts non-pensionable remuneration of £7,000 p.a. The Director should be resident in England or Wales. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with Local Partnerships' expenses policy (which for example does not permit first class train travel).

The appointment is for a period of three years, with the possibility of re-appointment for a further term.

TIMETABLE AND HOW TO APPLY

The closing date for applications is 31st May 2017 at 5pm . Candidates should submit an up to date CV plus a supporting statement of up to four pages setting out how you meet the requirements of the person specification to terry.stacy@local.gov.uk

Interviews will be on the 28th June 2017

The appointment will come into effect on the 1st July 2017

Sir David Wootton or Sean Hanson will be happy to talk to potential candidates in advance of their application.

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