

## Item 8

### **National Care Service**

#### **Background**

At the SAB's 28<sup>th</sup> June meeting points were raised under AOB about the potential implications of a National Care Service for the Local Government Pension Scheme. It was noted that it would be good to keep the issue under consideration and to potentially develop a risk register. It was also noted that a COSLA Leaders meeting was due to consider responding to the NCS Bill on 4<sup>th</sup> July and to share a read out of this with the SAB. SPPA were also asked to provide any thoughts. This should then be brought back to the next SAB meeting.

The Leaders meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July focussed on concerns over the implications for Local Government of the creation of a National Care Service, including on the Local Government workforce and financial implications. The SAB's interest will be on what COSLA Leaders are saying in particular about implications of the NCS for the Local Government Pension scheme. At this point Leaders are simply asking that there is a need for further clarity and discussion surrounding the impact of the potential transfer of staff on the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Similarly, SPPA have indicated that this requires consideration, but at this stage there is a lack of detail.

#### **Purpose of paper and recommendation**

This paper does not propose any substantive response from the SAB concerning the emergence of the NCS at this stage, rather it places this formally as an item for further consideration and it is proposed that this features on the SAB Workplan.

It is also proposed that the joint secretaries have further discussion with SAB advisers and other relevant officials, with a view to bringing back more hard and fast details for the SAB to consider.

SAB Members and Advisers are however encouraged to discuss points from their awareness, in order to help facilitate ongoing consideration of this issue.