

LGA Business Plan 2012/2013

Purpose of report

For discussion and decision.

Summary

This paper outlines current work on the 2012/13 LGA Business Plan and asks Members to agree the European and International Programme Board's contribution to it.

Recommendation

For members to discuss and agree the European and international priorities for the 2012/13 LGA Business Plan.

Action

LGA Officers to take forward as directed by Members.

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Background

1. Work is currently underway on the LGA Business Plan for 2012/13. The business plan is for the April 2012 to March 2013 period.
2. An outline business plan, attached as an appendix to this paper, is being presented for initial review at the January Executive. This is being developed as an iterative process with members, in discussions at Leadership Board and through the political group offices. This work has already informed the statement of our vision for local government and, given this, initial proposals as to where the LGA can have most impact.
3. Through early work, six priorities have emerged as the focus for the LGA's work in 2012/13:
 - 3.1 Public Service Reform
 - 3.2 Growth and Prosperity
 - 3.3 Funding for local government
 - 3.4 Efficiency and Productivity
 - 3.5 Sector-led Improvement
 - 3.6 The LGA's own effectiveness and efficiency
4. As part of this, Programme Boards are being asked to identify the headline priorities for their areas of work into 2013 in the light of the LGA's overall direction of travel. Officers have fed some draft, high-level priorities (set out below):
 - 4.1. Lobby in Brussels and Whitehall to ensure that future EU regulation minimises burdens and maximises local opportunities.
 - 4.2. Ensure that international practice is available to support service improvement in the UK.
 - 4.3. Support requests from the developing world for more UK local government involvement in the delivery of aid.
 - 4.4. Support council members in their formal advisory roles at the EU and Council of Europe.
5. The European and International Board is refining its EU and international work through discussions at the January Board. Thus members are asked to review these priorities and the business plan and any suggest comments to be forwarded to the LGA Leadership Board.



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