

Item 1

Localisation of Business Rates - implications for Fire Authorities

Purpose of report

For discussion.

Summary

The LG Group Executive considered the issue of localisation of business rate at its meeting on 10 February. This issue is one that will have implications for Fire Authorities, and these implications will need to be thoroughly considered as part of the wider LGA position.

Attached to inform Members' debate at the Commission are:

1. The report that went to the February Executive on localisation of business rates (**Appendix A**);
2. The report that went to the Executive in December 2010, along with the accompanying presentation given to the December meeting (**Appendix B and C** respectively).

Stephen Jones, LG Group Finance Director, will attend the Commission meeting to update Members.

Recommendation

Members' views are invited on the implications of the localisation of business rates for Fire Authorities to inform the wider LGA position.

Action

LG Group officers to progress actions as appropriate.

Contact officer: Caroline Green
Position: Senior Policy Consultant, LGA
Phone no: 020 7664 3359
E-mail: caroline.green@local.gov.uk