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## Our Future - A Prospectus for Local Government and the LGA response to the Independent Commission

### Summary

1. *This report provides the General Assembly with the Prospectus for local government and the LGA response to the Independent Commission.*

### Recommendation

2. *The General Assembly is invited to endorse the direction set down in Our future – a prospectus for local government and the LGA response to the conclusions and recommendations of the Independent Commission*

### Background

3. *In autumn 2006, the LGA invited Lord Best to chair an independent commission into the association and its relationships. The commission published its report, including 18 separate recommendations, in March 2007.*

4. *Between January and May 2007, the LGA leadership met with senior local authority representatives across the country, under the banner of Raising our Game, to discuss the main issues and priorities for the sector over the coming 3 years.*

### The Prospectus & response to the Independent Commission

5. *The LGA wishes again to thank Lord Best and the Independent Commission for their work, and for their insights into the association and its relationships. The response to the findings and recommendations of the two reviews is set out in two documents:-*

5.1 *Our Future – a Prospectus for Local Government, was launched on 12 June 2007 and distributed widely across the local government sector, to government and to partners. It is intended to stimulate debate across the sector leading ultimately to the commitment of councils, the LGA and the<sup>1</sup> central bodies to a number of challenges and actions, encompassed in four core propositions.*

5.2 *The LGA's response to the conclusions and recommendations of the Independent Commission, sets out the association's response to each of the 18 recommendations*

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*A copy of both documents is enclosed. If you have already received a copy of one or both documents, please pass them on to someone else within your authority.*

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<sup>1</sup> IDeA, LACORS, 4Ps and the LGE