Innovation Zone update

Purpose

For information.

Summary

The report includes background details about the Innovation Zone, latest developments and Members’ involvement.

Recommendation

That the members note the report.

Actions

1. Members to encourage attendance at the Innovation Zone and get involved during the Conference.
2. Innovation Working Group to provide advice and guidance where necessary.

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Background

1. In addition to specific support offers such as the Behavioural Insights and Design in the Public Sector programmes, the LGA’s innovation programme includes sharing examples of local government and wider public sector good practice. This helps equip councils with tools and confidence to use innovative approaches to solve their challenges.
2. The innovation programme includes our three-day Innovation Zone, which is a vibrant, creative space and programme within the LGA’s Annual Conference and Exhibition, taking place from 2-4 July 2019 in Bournemouth.
3. Following a paper presented to the Board on 25 October 2018 and following an email consultation with members, it was agreed that this year’s overall theme for the Innovation Zone will be **‘Take the Plunge’**, encouraging organisations to present brave, innovative ideas that have paid off.

**Applications and shortlist**

1. Following a shortlisting process, 30 councils and other organisations have been invited to take part in the Innovation Zone. We have received firm responses from 22 entries, and tentative ‘yes’ responses from four entries, waiting to hear from another four.
2. Appendix 1 provides the draft programme for the Innovation Zone with brief descriptions of the sessions (this is not what will appear in the final programme and is for info only).
3. There is an opportunity for all members of the board to get involved in promoting the Innovation Zone both before and during the conference, and we would welcome any creative ideas in relation to this.
4. In addition, members can get involved through the Open Mic session on Thursday morning, by sharing their own ideas, issues or solutions.

Implications for Wales

1. None.

Financial Implications

1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Next steps

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2. Innovation Working Group to provide advice and guidance where necessary.

**Appendix 1.** Innovation Zone Draft Programme

**Innovation Zone Draft Programme: Tuesday 2 – Thursday 4 July 2019, BIC Bournemouth**

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| **Tuesday 2 July 2019** | | **Notes** |
| 8.30-10.00 | Registration, exhibition viewing and refreshments  The LGA Hub featuring the Innovation Zone opens |  |
| 10.00-11.00 | **Opening of Innovation Zone**  Introduction from Peter Fleming  Opening Session - TBC | Political Group Meetings and Chief Executives’ session |
| 12.50-1.30 | **IZ session 2**   1. Portsmouth Council – innovation solutions to improve air quality (public health) 2. Redbridge Council Library - Lab Central, a new digital making space (hands on workshop, coding, equipment, display of art) 3. NEWTON EUROPE SESSION   Cornwall Council - Culture change, frontline practice, and ways of working   1. Hackney Council – improving outcomes for young black men | Lunch, exhibition viewing |
| 4.00-4.40 | **IZ session 3**   1. British Red Cross - Community Connector schemes, tackling loneliness 2. Sheffield Council – children in care placement journeys board game (to be introduced and stay @theIZ) 3. East Sussex FRS – Social Engine; behavioural insights to reduce accidental house fire 4. West Sussex Libraries – ACE funded Digital Library Plus Project to improve digital skills | Refreshments, exhibition viewing |
| 4.50-5.30 | **IZ session 4**   1. Southwark Council – Homelessness Reduction Act trailblazer 2. Surrey CC – the Hackathon Project for public health (interactive session) 3. South Somerset Council – incubator for technical innovation 4. TBC | Workshop sessions x 6 |
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| **Wednesday 3 July 2019** |  |  |
| 8.15-9.15 | **IZ Extra Session:** Exploring the LGA’s “Twenty-first Century Toolkit to support women, parents and carers” | Fringe sessions |
| 11.05-11.40 | **IZ session 5**   1. One Public Estate (regeneration) 2. Motitech – virtual tours on bikes for older people (& competition) Norway 3. Leeds Council & Hubbub – on the go recycling 4. NEWTON EUROPE SESSION Birmingham City Council - ‘Early Intervention’ – supporting the recovery, reablement and rehabilitation of older people | Refreshments, exhibition viewing |
| 11.50 -12.40 | **IZ session 6**   1. Southwark Council – Loneliness lab (interactive session) 2. Kent CC – (with Coram and The Alan Turing Institute) data visualisation for the social care system (Sli.do, interactive) 3. Barking and Dagenham – Breezie tablet, helping isolated residents get online 4. TBC | Workshop sessions x 6 |
| 12.55 – 1.40 | **IZ session 7**   1. Blue Green – tackling extreme weather 2. Knowsley Council – assistive technology 3. Project Illica, Zagreb – reviving the high street through arts and culture 4. Hertfordshire County Council - meals on wheels (interactive) | Lunch, exhibition viewing |
| 3.10 – 4.00 | **IZ session 8**   1. Bracknell Forest - Dogs for Good 2. TBC 3. Citizens Advice Stockton – Multi- Disciplinary Service for Older People to support independence by providing affordable options and welfare advice 4. NEWTON EUROPE SESSION Lancashire County Council’s (LCC) ‘Passport to Independence programme’ for Older People and Physical Disability (OPPD) | Parallel plenary sessions x 2 |
| 4.15 – 4.40 | **IZ session 9**   1. Teignbridge – Smarter Waste & Recycling and Licencing services (using process mapping + integrated tech) 2. Blue Cabin – Culture & Children in Care 3. South Kesteven – Paninteligence, analytics tech to save money and drive improvement 4. Wealden Council - Insight & Communications Team (in-house consultants, interactive learning session) | Refreshments, exhibition viewing |
| 5.45 –Onwards | **Launch of the Efficient and Intelligent Councils Programme by Rishi Sunak MP, Local Government Minister**  **Local Government Challenge Awards Ceremony and drinks reception** | 6pm – Fringe sessions |
| **Thursday 4 July 2019** |  |  |
| 09.15 - 10.05 | **IZ session 10**  OPEN MIC SESSION/TED TALKS TBC | Parallel plenary x 2 |
| 10.20 - 10.55 | **IZ session 11**   1. Design Council (workshop) 2. BBC (Workshop) 3. TCC (Origins workshop with Council) | Refreshments, exhibition viewing |

As at 14 May 2019

Any councils/organisations in mauve are confirmed