

LGA work on a New Model for Local Government – Children and Adult Social Care proposals

Purpose of the report

To introduce the LGA's work on 'A new model for local government' and to receive Members' feedback on the document.

Summary

This paper introduces a draft paper on adult social care that will feature as part of the LGA's wider work on 'A new model for local government'.

Recommendation

Members are asked to review and comment on the draft adult social care paper that follows this covering note.

Action

LGA officers to amend the adult social care paper in line with Members' comments.

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Background

1. At its meeting on 9 January the LGA Leadership Board considered a proposal to develop a 'new model for local government'. There are three main objectives with this work:
 - 1.1. To develop a clear case for the future national role of local government in order to inform party manifestos in the run-up to the next General Election.
 - 1.2. To set out local government's offer in order to inform the expected 2015 Spending Review immediately after the election.
 - 1.3. To provide the LGA annual conference with a practical explanation of the above and inform its longer-term planning processes.
2. The Leadership Board agreed with the proposed work and the suggestion to focus on developing policy think pieces on the following subjects:
 - 2.1. Independent local government;
 - 2.2. Growth;
 - 2.3. Good adult social care;
 - 2.4. Future children's services;
 - 2.5. Welfare reform; and
 - 2.6. Sustainable future funding

Next steps

3. The think piece papers will continue to be developed and Board Members' comments are sought on the attached 'good adult social care' paper. The papers will be discussed at a high level at a series of regional roadshows taking place throughout March. They will then be explored in greater detail in a series of 'deep dive' sessions taking place in April.

Good adult social care

4. This think piece outlines the challenges facing adult social care and then sets out proposed objectives for what we want to see in the future. These objectives link to those we set out in our popular and well-received 'spotter's guide to the care and support white paper'.

Decisions

5. Members are asked to comment on the following draft paper on 'good adult social care'. Officers will incorporate these comments into the next iteration of the paper.