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## **LGA Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board – Governance Arrangements**

### **Summary**

This report outlines changes to the governance of the LGA Group's work on the Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board, which were agreed by General Assembly on 6 July 2010, and which establish the LGA Group Culture, Tourism and Sport Programme Board from September 2010.

The report also contains proposed meeting dates for the CTS Programme Board for the 2010-11 cycle.

### **Recommendations**

Members are asked to note the report.

### **Action**

Following members' comments, LG Group officers to take forward any suggested actions.

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### **Background**

1. As part of the LGA Group-wide *Getting Closer* programme, General Assembly, on 6 July 2010, agreed the recommendations of the LGA Executive to make changes to the governance of LGA Group member structures. These changes will come into effect in September 2010.
2. Nine Programme Boards will be created in place of the current Policy Board structures, to deliver the Business Plan priorities through more active engagement with Councils and to strengthen the link between improvement and policy / lobbying.

### **Programme Board meetings 2010-11**

3. Under the new arrangements for Programme working, Boards are encouraged to find their own most effective way of working and not be restricted by formal meetings in London on a set timescale.
4. Following lead members' discussion on 15 June 2010, the proposed first meeting of the 2010-11 Programme Board cycle will be an away-day, following a format that has proved successful for other LGA Boards. This meeting will take place on **13 September 2010**, and the timing and venue for this will be confirmed shortly.
5. Proposed dates for the Programme Board beyond September are set out below. Lead Members were clear that the dates and times below are provisional, and officers will reschedule meetings where necessary to best accommodate Members' availability. Officers will begin this process, in conjunction with Lead Members, once the full membership of the Programme Board has been confirmed.
  - 17 November 2010: 13.00 – 15.00, Conference Rooms 3 & 4, Local Government House
  - 19 January 2011: 13.00 – 15.00, Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Local Government House
  - February 2011: Date and venue to be confirmed; to coincide with the LGA Group Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference in Cardiff.
  - 26 May 2011: 13.00 – 15.00, Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Local Government House

- 21 July 2011: 13.00 – 15.00, Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Local Government House
6. The away-day event in September will serve partly as an induction event for new Members, and will also represent an opportunity for the Board to discuss themes and topics that can be considered over the coming year.
  7. The away-day should also provide an opportunity to discuss what changes to the Board's ways of working Members would like to implement, in order to deliver more active engagement with Councils.

### **Financial Implications**

8. Officers are currently estimating costs associated with the September Away Day and will submit options to Lead Members shortly.

### **Implications for Wales**

9. None specific.

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