

New Model for Local Government

Purpose of report

For information

Summary

Local government is at a critical point in its development. It needs to set out its offer in the run-up to the elections in 2015 and in discussions about its future role, sustainability and funding. The LGA will be discussing key topics over the coming months and at the annual conference, in order to inform a New Model for Local Government.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the update on the New Model for Local Government.

Members are also invited to let officers know if they wish to see the latest drafts of the individual policy papers.

Action

To be taken forward by officers, as directed by members.

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Background

1. Members will be aware of work to develop a New Model for Local Government. This recognises that local government is at a critical point in its development and needs to set out its offer in the run-up to the elections in 2015 and in discussions about its future role, sustainability and funding. The LGA organised a series of road shows to ensure that the New Model is informed by different perspectives from around the country.
2. The New Model will set out a way forward on the 6 biggest issues for local government, and these issues also framed discussion at the roadshows:
 - 2.1. Sustainable funding
 - 2.2. Growth
 - 2.3. Good social care
 - 2.4. Children's safeguarding and care
 - 2.5. Welfare reform
 - 2.6. A new, independent model for local government.
3. The Leadership Board and Board Chairs have overseen the drafting of 6 initial policy papers setting out how each of the big issues should be taken forward in the context of a wider local government manifesto. The policy papers will be launched at the LGA Annual Conference in July.

The New Model and Culture Tourism and Sport

4. Clearly the 6 issues are all highly relevant to the CTS Board and will frame our activity next year. The CTS Board is already leading much work that firmly contributes towards the New Model – from the arts and growth to the broadband roll-out, physical activity and public health, culture and sport apprenticeships for young people and the role of public libraries in welfare reform.

Conclusion and next steps

5. Officers will continue to keep members updated as work on the New Model continues to develop. Members wishing to see the latest drafts of the policy papers are invited to let officers know and we will send them to you.

Financial Implications

6. None.