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LGA Group – Programme Plan

Theme – Economy

Priority	What we are looking to achieve	Outputs	Who	When
<p>Councils sustaining economic recovery</p>	<p>Demonstrating that councils provide economic leadership in their places and supporting them in that role;</p> <p>Building councils’ capacity to exercise leadership and develop their ambitions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Economic Assessment Community of Practice - Economic development web resource including substantial resources on Local - Economic Assessment guidance and diagnostic tools - Economic development peer reviews and peer challenges ◆ Leadership Academy modules ◆ Active capacity-building, working with RIEPs 	<p>IDeA and LGA</p>	<p>Through the year</p> <p>J</p>
<p>People, jobs and skills</p>	<p>Ensuring councils have the tools to help tackle youth unemployment in their places, including support with apprenticeships.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Group work programme on apprenticeships ◆ Continuing lobbying based on our Hidden talents work; ◆ Help develop mechanisms to enable information sharing 	<p>IDeA/LGE/LGA</p> <p>LGA</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

		<p>between councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Evaluation of the NYA NEET engagement project 	<p>IDeA/LGE</p>	<p>2012</p>
	<p>Help councils tackle worklessness locally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communities of Practice for the National Worklessness Learning Forum and on Apprenticeships - Good practice guidance on tackling worklessness including “How To” guides - National events - Guidance and good practice on procurement and worklessness ◆ Guidance, good practice and networking on councils as employers using apprenticeships and tackling youth unemployment ◆ Programme to promote financial capability and inclusion projects to help people back into work, and ‘make work pay’ for those on the margins of the benefits system 	<p>LGA</p> <p>IDeA</p> <p>IDeA</p> <p>IDeA</p> <p>IDeA/LGE</p> <p>LGA/IDeA</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>[date?]</p> <p>[date?]</p> <p>[date?]</p> <p>[date?]</p>
	<p>Ensure councils have influence over skills provision in their areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lobby for full use of the potential for devolution of the SFA’s responsibilities ◆ Lobby for fully devolved responsibility for skills in any new system ◆ Help councils and FE providers 	<p>LGA</p> <p>LGA</p>	<p>Now</p> <p>May onwards</p>

		<p>work better together locally by influencing national frameworks and guidance; promote FE college role on LSPs/LAAs/MAAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lobby for extension of commissioning powers on skills funding on a non-statutory basis 	LGA	Now
			LGA	May onwards
Local integrated transport commissioning	Lobby for affordable local commissioning of bus services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Position paper on the future funding of Concessionary Fares 	LGA	April
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A cohesive sector response to future developments on Concessionary Fares ◆ Promote a local government offer on delivering better value for money for the £2.5bn invested in local bus services ◆ Evidence to the Competition Commission inquiry into competition within the Bus industry 	LGA LGA	Ongoing April
	Lobby for devolved responsibility for integrated transport planning and funding and support councils in their role.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Case study report on use of new Local Transport Act 09 powers ◆ Support programme (detail to be defined) ◆ 	LGA IDeA	April [date?]
Devolution of	Lobby for devolution of funding and decision-making and build	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lobbying for sub-regional groupings of councils (building 	LGA	May onwards

<p>economic governance</p>	<p>council capacity to exercise new devolved roles, often in collaboration</p>	<p>on MAAs and City-Regions) to be the delivery architecture for public services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Post-election policies to reflect LGA key messages on efficiency and accountability benefits of devolving power over public service to local and sub-regional levels. 	<p>LGA</p>	<p>May onwards</p>
<p>Better regulation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consistency in enforcement, ensuring a level playing field alongside targeting rogue traders removing unnecessary burdens and red tape for businesses. <p>A strategy for regulation and local regulatory services, beyond the current economic recession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Businesses working across council boundaries effectively supported and regulated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Relevant briefings, guidance case studies etc to support councils delivery of regulation. <p>An effective engagement strategy with key government senior politicians and officials with an incoming government, along with senior representatives of the business community including the CBI, BRS, FSB and BCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Continue to support council home authority partnerships and the transition of lead authority partnerships; for councils giving business advice. ◆ Work with Birmingham City Council to facilitate training on lead authority 	<p>LACORS</p> <p>LACORS</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support councils in dealing with credit and debt law advice ◆ Removing unnecessary regulations and red tape that add unnecessary or excessive burdens to businesses and councils ◆ Council regulatory services recognised as contributing to the local economy. <p>SME's effectively supported by council regulatory services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Respond to all poor regulation proposals. ◆ Lobbying Government and its quango's. ◆ Sharing case studies and examples of innovation and best practice with other councils. <p>Develop a project proposal on a costs benefits basis to identify the needs of SME's from locally delivered regulatory services and explore how the sector with key stakeholders could more effectively support local regulators to meet those needs.</p>	<p>LACORS</p> <p>LGA/LACORS</p> <p>LACORS</p>	
<p>Infrastructure for growth</p>	<p>Make the case for a better way of planning and funding the infrastructure the country needs</p>	<p>Review of evidence on the benefits of investing in infrastructure spending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Report on the case for, and benefits of, investment in transport infrastructure 	<p>LGA</p>	<p>April</p>