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Item 1b

LGA Group Economy and Transport Programme 2010-11

- 1. Board members will be aware that the LGA executive has agreed a Group Business Plan, and also agreed to recommend to July's General Assembly that a number of Group Programme Boards should in future be responsible for group-wide programmes of work. In line with those decisions, we are working to draw up Group-wide work programmes for the next year.
- 2. Officers would be very grateful for members' views on the draft work programme for the proposed Economy and Transport programme. This should generally cover the areas already within the remit of the regeneration and transport board, but take a much broader view of the work of the LGA group as a whole. We also aim to anchor it in a much more explicit account of the economic role of local government at a particularly important time both for the economy and for councils.
- 3. A draft work programme is attached to this note. It reflects the higher-level priorities for the Group's economy work agreed by Members at meetings in the autumn. We will introduce it briefly orally at the meeting. It would be particularly helpful to have members' views on these questions:
 - Is it clear what we are trying to achieve?
 - and if it's clear, is it right?
 - Is this set of objectives robust to the possibility of a change of government or is that not the right approach and would we wiser simply to be prepared
 to revise the plan in the summer should that be necessary?
 - Do the contributions of the different parts of the Group emerge clearly?
 - How would members like us to report on how the plan is being delivered in the course of the year?

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