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Item 2

LGA Business Plan

Purpose of report

For discussion and comments.

Summary

This paper outlines the process for setting the 2012/13 LGA Business Plan and draft priorities for the Economy and Transport Programme Board. The outline LGA Business Plan is attached at **Appendix A**.

Recommendation

Members are asked to review and comment on these Economy and Transport priorities and the fuller business plan.

Action

Officers to forward comments to the LGA Leadership Board.

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1. Work is currently underway on the LGA's Business Plan for 2012/13. As part of this, Programme Boards are being asked to identify the headline priorities for their areas of work into 2013 in the light of the LGA's overall direction of travel.
2. An outline business plan, attached at **Appendix A** to this paper, is being presented for initial review at the January Executive. This is being developed as an iterative process with members, in discussions at the Leadership Board and through the political group offices. This work has already informed the statement of our vision for local government and, given this, initial proposals as to where the LGA can have most impact.
3. Through early work, six priorities have emerged as the focus for the LGA's work in 2012/13:
 - 3.1 Public Service Reform
 - 3.2 Growth and Prosperity
 - 3.3 Funding for local government
 - 3.4 Efficiency and Productivity
 - 3.5 Sector-led Improvement
 - 3.6 The LGA's own effectiveness and efficiency.
4. The business plan is for the April 2012 to March 2013 period. Whilst the Economy and Transport Programme Board will be refining its lobbying work over the next few months (through the Local Growth Campaign, for example) and new priorities will emerge from this process, officers have fed in some draft, high level priorities, as set out below:
 - 4.1 lead a campaign to ensure that the local levers of growth are unfettered and that councils are able to contribute fully to national economic recovery
 - 4.2 lobby to ensure councils are better able to influence local transport provision, thus enhancing local economic growth
 - 4.3 maximise the opportunities for growth and regeneration from the reform of the EU structural funds
 - 4.4 support the development of members and officers in driving the economic potential of their areas.

Programme Boards are asked to review these priorities and the fuller business plan and any comments will be forwarded to the LGA Leadership Board.