

LGA Conference

Purpose of Report

To update members on Board related events at the LGA conference in Birmingham in June.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Action

Officers to forward any actions as directed by Members.

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LGA Conference

1. The LGA Conference takes place 26-28 June 2012 at the International Conference Centre in Birmingham. One of the themes of the conference will be economic growth and there are a number of events and debates at the conference which relate to the work of the Board. They are:

- 1.1. Plenary session (Wed 27th, 15.30, Main Hall)

DRIVING LOCAL GROWTH

This will be the launch of the Board's Green Paper from our Local Growth Campaign. Speakers will be, Cllr Peter Box (Chair), John Cridland (Director General, CBI), Angela Maxwell (Founder, Acuwoman).

- 1.2. Fringe event (Wed 27th, 18.45)

LOCAL GROWTH

After the launch of the Green Paper in the afternoon, there will be an evening fringe at which all contributors to our debates from councils will be invited. The Board's Lead Members will speak and set out the future lobbying work as a result of the Local Growth campaign.

- 1.3. Workshop (Thurs 28th, 08.00)

PROMOTING GROWTH

How local councils can use their capital assets to promote growth and economic development.

- 1.4. Workshop (Thurs 28th, 13.00 – 13.45, Exec Room 1)

REVITALISING TOWN CENTRES

Looking at the work of the councils piloting the recommendations of the Portas Review and the LGA's work on planning controls in town centres.

- 1.5. Workshop (Thurs 28th, 10.30 – 11.15)

FUNDING FROM EUROPE

A fringe for Chief Executives to provide a briefing on the reform of EU structural funds.