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LGA Annual Conference and the development of the New Model of Local Government

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report informs members about the development of a new model of local government to be launched at the LGA Annual Conference and provides information on events at conference which may be of interest to Economy and Transport Board members.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Action

As directed by members.

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1. At the last Board meeting, members discussed a series of detailed, draft policy papers setting out the framework for a new model of local government. These papers in six key policy areas (growth, welfare reform, finance, children services, adult care and independent local government) had been reviewed and debated in a series of deep dives and road-shows across the country in early 2013. The comments of councils, councillors and partners are now being assessed and a paper setting out what a new model of local government could look like will be launched at conference. There will be an oral update on this at the Board.
2. At conference, a number of plenary events and workshops are being organised to develop the Board's work on local economic growth.
3. The major economic debate at conference will be a plenary session chaired by the Board Chair, Cllr Box, at which Lord Heseltine will give the keynote address. This session will be just after the announcement of the Government's Spending Review, when the scale of the single pot will be known.
4. Appended to this report is a list of workshops and sessions at conference for members' information. As the conference agenda has yet to be finalised, members are advised to check details once they receive the final agenda.

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**LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition
 Manchester Central on 2–4 July 2013**

For further details and updates to the conference programme, please visit the LGA website:
www.local.gov.uk/annual-conference

Tuesday 2 July

4.45pm	<p>Workshop Making your Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs) work</p> <p>Speakers: David Marlow, Third Life Economic Ltd Nick Forbes, Leader, Newcastle City Council Chair: Councillor Peter Box, Chair, Economy and Transport Board, LGA</p>	Exchange 4-5
4.45pm	<p>Workshop The visitor economy: a powerhouse of local growth</p> <p>Speakers: James Berresford, Visit England Councillor Ann Steward, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Breckland District Council Councillor Wendy Simon, Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism, Liverpool City Council</p>	Exchange 1
4.45pm	<p>Workshop Planning for prosperity: using your planning service to attract investment</p> <p>Speakers to be confirmed</p>	Auditorium
5.50-6.20pm	<p>Networking session South Shields 365 – a £100million masterplan</p>	Networking zone 1
From 6.45pm	<p>Evening fringe Growth & Investment: Lessons from the Commonwealth and beyond</p>	Exchange auditorium
From 6.45pm	<p>Evening fringe Going for Growth: Delivering Place Leadership</p>	Exchange 6
From 6.45pm	<p>Evening fringe A one pot recipe? Making the local growth fund work (IPPR)</p> <p>Speakers include: Anna Turley, Senior Research Fellow, IPPR North (chair) Michael Burton, Editorial Director, The MJ Andrew Carter, Deputy Chief Executive, Centre for Cities</p>	Exchange 10

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Wednesday 3 July

11.15am	<p>Workshop Local government is ‘open for business’ Role of regulation.</p> <p>Speakers: James Lowman, Association of Convenience Stores Wade Lyn, Cleone Foods Ltd Chair: Councillor Mehboob Khan, Chair, Safer and Stronger Communities Board, LGA</p>	Charter 2
1.15–1.45pm	<p>Networking session Tackling Youth Unemployment: Local councils leading the way</p> <p>APSE (Association for Public Service Excellence) to host.</p>	Networking
2.50pm	<p>Plenary session A new partnership for growth</p> <p>Speakers: The Rt Hon the Lord Heseltine Chair: Councillor Peter Box, Chair, Economy and Transport Board, LGA</p>	Exchange Hall
6.45pm	<p>Evening fringe Improving Bus Services – What can be achieved working together (First Bus Group)</p> <p>Speakers: Giles Fearnley, Managing Director, First UK Bus Other speakers to be confirmed A buffet will be available. Open to all delegates.</p>	Exchange 1
6.45pm	<p>Evening fringe Accelerating local growth - support from the peer challenge approach (LGA)</p>	Exchange 10

Thursday 4 July

9.15am	<p>Plenary session Hidden talents, reducing youth unemployment</p> <p>Speakers: Baroness Stedman-Scott, Tomorrow’s People Henk Kool, Deputy Mayor, The Hague Other speakers to be confirmed Chair: Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Vice Chair, LGA</p>	Charter 3
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