

LGA Submission to Spending Round 2013

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

The 2013 Spending Round which will set out government department expenditure limits, including one for local government, for 2015/16 will be published on 26 June 2013. Following a submission to government on the Spending Round in March 2013, the LGA submitted a series of more detailed papers to government departments on 29 April.

The LGA Executive discussed the LGA's submission and plan for taking the work forward on 16 May 2013.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report and provide any comments.

Action

Officers to proceed as directed.

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Background

1. In advance of the March 2013 Budget the LGA submitted a paper to central government to influence early discussions on the 2013 Spending Round. This submission and plans for a more detailed submission in late Spring were discussed by members of the Executive at its last meeting.
2. In Budget 2013, the government reconfirmed that total spending in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 will continue to fall in real terms at the same rate as during the Spending Review 2010. Individual department spending plans, known as departmental expenditure limits, for 2015-16 will be announced as part of the 2013 Spending Review announcement on 26 June 2013. This will include expenditure plans for local government funded through the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The LGA Submission

3. On 4 April 2013, Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, wrote to the Chairman of the LGA inviting us to submit views on the 2015/16 Spending Round on behalf of the sector by 29 April 2013.
4. In response to this letter, the LGA developed a series of 12 papers to influence the forthcoming Spending Round. These include a summary of the LGA's asks of government for the 15/16 Spending Round, and a paper outlining how a typical council has dealt with the funding reductions to date, its contribution to growth, the impact of further reductions in 2015-16 and how our proposed measures would help the council.
5. The papers relating to growth and transport are **attached**. The other papers are available on the LGA website, [here](#).
6. The LGA Chairman has met Treasury ministers to discuss the papers and the Secretary of State for Transport has asked to attend a future meeting of the Economy and Transport Board to discuss the long-term ideas in the transport submission.
7. The Secretary of State and Sir Merrick Cockell will attend the Economy and Transport Board on 28 November 2013.