

**Item 1**

**Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt. Hon. Patrick McLoughlin MP**

**Purpose of report**

For discussion.

**Summary**

The Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt. Hon. Patrick McLoughlin MP, will be attending the Economy and Transport Board. The Chairman of the LGA, Sir Merrick Cockell, has been invited to join the discussion and, as requested by the Board, LEP Chairs have also been invited to give a private sector view. The meeting provides an opportunity for members to hear about the Government's future ambitions for devolution and the role of its agencies, including the Highway's Agency, as well as an opportunity for the LGA to share its ideas on rewiring public services and infrastructure investment to support growth, and achieving a sustainable solution to maintenance of the local roads network.

**Recommendation**

Members are asked to discuss.

**Action**

As directed by Members.

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