

Environment and Housing Programme Board Headline Priorities 2012/13

Purpose of report

For review and direction.

Summary

1. Work is currently underway on the LGA's Business Plan for 2012/13. As part of this, each of the Programme Boards is asked to identify the headline priorities for their areas of work for next year in the light of the LGA's overall direction of travel.
2. An outline business plan, attached as an appendix to this paper, is being presented for initial review at the January Executive. This has been developed by an iterative process with members, in discussions at Leadership Board and through the political group offices. This work has 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 this 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. Heads of Programmes have already fed in the known priorities for their area in the light of the Programme Board issues already identified by members. For the Environment and Housing Programme Board, these were:
 - 4.1 supporting the development of new planning powers, to achieve wellbeing and growth in local communities
 - 4.2 supporting councils to deliver the new housing strategy
 - 4.3 working with government to ensure the Green Deal and new statutory responsibilities on home energy work for councils

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- 4.4 lobbying and leading support for councils with waste and recycling including collection, infrastructure planning and delivery and waste minimisation
5. Programme Boards are asked to review these business plan priorities for 2012/13.

Recommendation

To provide a steer on priorities for Environment and Housing Programme Board services for 2012/13 in the light of the direction of travel for local government and the LGA presented in the outline business plan.

Action

To feedback the Programme Board discussion to Leadership Board, to inform the final business plan, which is due to be signed off by the LGA Executive in March.

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