

LGA Business Plan 2012/13

Purpose of report

To note.

Summary

1. A **revised** version of the LGA's Business Plan for 2012/13 will be presented **for agreement at the LGA Executive on 15 March 2012**. This follows the draft which was seen by the Executive and programme boards in January. Since January the Business Plan has been amended in the light of feedback from members as follows:
 - 1.1. It focuses on the top priorities for the LGA, rather than including all the priorities for each programme area.
 - 1.2. It includes feedback from the January meetings of the LGA Boards.
 - 1.3. It expresses the LGA's priorities in terms of the outcomes and impact we are seeking to achieve, rather than the activity we will be undertaking.
2. The Business Plan now also includes the LGA's campaign priorities for 2012-13 as agreed by Leadership Board.
3. Regional local government representatives were invited to comment on the draft business plan and the amendments have been made in the light of this feedback.
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
5. The Business plan identifies the following five outcomes which the LGA will focus on in 2012/13:
 - 5.1. **Public Service Reform**
 - 5.2. **Growth and Prosperity**
 - 5.3. **Funding for local government**
 - 5.4. **Efficiency and Productivity**
 - 5.5. **Sector-led Improvement**
6. **Key objectives for the Environment and Housing Board**, as included in the business plan, are working to ensure:

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- 6.1. there are increased planning powers and freedoms for councils to support economic growth
- 6.2. councils lead the delivery of the Green Deal, to improve the local environment and create new employment opportunities.
- 7. **LGA Campaigns for 2012/13** which will be supported by the Environment and Housing team are as follows:
 - 7.1. **Housing the nation** – to win increased housing powers and freedoms so councils can better address the current housing crisis.
 - 7.2. **Local economies, local growth** – promoting councils' leadership of economic development, removing central barriers to local growth and making the case for the devolution of new powers, especially planning.
- 8. A full copy of the final **LGA Business Plan 2012-13** is attached for reference.

Recommendation

To receive and note the LGA business plan for 2012/13.

Action

As directed by members.

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