

## **Update on International work**

### **Purpose of report**

For discussion and direction.

### **Summary**

This report summarises progress being made on the international work. A further update will be provided at the Board meeting for Members' consideration.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to comment on the report and make any recommendations for officers to action.

### **Action**

LGA officers to take forward Member recommendations.

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### **Africa Peer Review Project**

1. Members will be aware that the LGA has been commissioned by the pan-African LGA to support the development of peer reviews with councils and LGAs in Africa. The programmes will include five peer reviews in 2012.
2. Confirmation of dates for these has been received from United Cities & Local Government Africa (UCLGA). The first peer review in Namibia will take place in June. The other four reviews are scheduled for Ghana (July), Uganda (August), Cameroon (September) and Ivory Coast (October). Preparations for the first review are under way.
3. The process for confirming the participation of UK peers is reaching conclusion from a long-list of members selected via the LGA Group offices' list of accredited peers. A final list of participating UK member peers in the five reviews will be tabled at the Board meeting, as well as an oral update on progress.

### **DFID procurement consortium**

4. Members will be aware that the LGA has recently attained the position of "approved supplier" for Department for International Development (DFID), as part of a public/private consortium led by HTSPE (international programme management company).
5. DFID has announced its first batch of competitions (a small number of governance-related projects, including work in Pakistan and Ghana). The LGA is exploring in more detail the potential involvement in any of the current batch of projects, based on geographical and thematic capabilities, and those of other consortium partners. Discussions are taking place week commencing 14 May 2012 and will be reported to Members at the May Board meeting.