

#### Item 4, Appendix A - European and International

2011-12 Business Plan	What we delivered	Impact	RAG
<b>Maximise EU take of structural funds budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led a lobbying campaign to secure future EU resources for local regeneration:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>secured council inclusion in the UK negotiating Team,</li> <li>secured access to pre-negotiation meeting with BIS, HMT, CLG, DWP and DEFRA</li> <li>briefed numerous decisions makers on the case for local delivery of the funds.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lobbied DWP to align the £200m ESF families' provision with the Troubled Families initiative at local level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear place for LGA and councils at negotiation table with EU and Government, with clear proposals for local delivery. The proposal is still being debated in Brussels and will be debated and finalised in early 2013.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
<b>Review of EU procurement law</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secured major review of EU procurement rules, with the Commission proposing more local flexibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secured agreement to reduce red tape and allow greater local flexibility.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
<b>Working time directive review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worked across three LGA Boards (E&amp;I, Workforce and Fire) to ensure the sector's views on costs and impact feed into current negotiations. Kept the debate live with EU decision makers in the run up to the delayed review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensured decision-makers are challenged and aware of the cost to the UK public service of a change in UK opt-out.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
<b>EU targets for energy and water efficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whilst acknowledging the good intent of legislation, led a lobbying campaign on the cost of implementation to councils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposal is still being debated in Brussels.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
<b>EU waste/recycling laws</b>			<b>A</b>
<b>New EU VAT rules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided the cost to UK councils of an EU proposal to harmonise VAT rules to Government, EU decision makers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposal was stopped.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>
<b>The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A clear lobbying campaign in Brussels and London to ensure no return to fridge mountains and no new costs to councils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposal is still being debated in Brussels</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
<b>Council of Europe review of local-central relations in the UK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early work with Congress officials who have already engaged in work of LGA and introduced to current local/central debates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The review will be undertaken in late 2012, but Council of Europe is already relying on LGA for support and information.</li> </ul>	<b>A</b>
<b>Facilitate local govt practitioner engagement in developing nations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioned by African LGA to pilot peer reviews</li> <li>Achieved "approved supplier" status with DFID.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensured more local government practitioners where engaged in UK aid programme.</li> </ul>	<b>G</b>