

**Item 2**

## **Growth and the Autumn Statement**

### **Purpose of report**

For discussion and direction.

### **Summary**

**Item 3** gives an account of how the LGA's campaigning priorities on council funding and economic growth are connected. In short, councils' ability to fund services will remain under very serious challenge until the national public finances are back on a secure footing, and councils need to be empowered to play their full part in driving economic recovery that will generate the tax revenues needed to do that.

The Government is making a series of economic policy announcements over the autumn, culminating in an Autumn Statement which we can expect to address both fiscal and the economic policy questions. The LGA has work in hand on an offer to the Government about growth in advance of the Autumn Statement.

Officers will make a brief presentation on that at the meeting and the Panel's guidance will be sought.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to comment on the work programme for the Autumn Statement.

### **Action**

LGA Officers to proceed as directed.

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