

Item 6

2013-14 Business Plan

Purpose of report

For discussion and direction.

Summary

The LGA's current initial proposition for the 2013-14 Business Plan is attached at **Appendix A**. The Leadership Board is keen that all Boards and Panels should contribute to developing next year's eventual Business Plan, and the Panel is invited to discuss the initial proposition and feed back.

Members will of course recognise that the Business Plan should drive resource allocation within the organisation. At a time of significant transition within the team working on finance, members may wish to consider how best to ensure that the resourcing of finance work is taken into account in the business planning process, and that resources generally are focussed on genuine priority activity.

Recommendations

Finance Panel members will wish to:

- note that the initial proposition confirms local government funding one of the organisation's overarching priorities;
- note the vital and complex relationship between the priority we propose to give to funding and the other two priorities of economic growth and public service reform;
- check that the business plan and the Panel's proposed work focus align: from this perspective, members may wish as part of their feedback to highlight the absence from the current draft of the proposition of any mention of welfare reform.

Action

LGA Officers to proceed as directed.

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