

Innovation Programme Plan

Purpose

For discussion and direction.

Summary

This report updates the Board on the planned wider innovation activities of the LGA to build upon the implementation of the Creative Councils Programme and the progress on related activities implemented to date.

Recommendation

Members are invited to note progress to date and to offer views on the outcomes of implemented activities and the direction of future planned activities

Action

Officers to take on board the decisions agreed by the Board.

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Innovation Programme

1. Creative Councils is the Board's flagship innovation programme and the Board has been updated regularly on the programme. However, it is also true that there is innovative practice and activity that is running through many of the LGA's programmes. At the last meeting, members heard about how Surrey was intending to make innovation a key focus of their forthcoming peer challenge. Other programmes which have innovation as a key theme include:
 - 1.1. Adult Social Care Efficiency programme
 - 1.2. Food Waste pilot
 - 1.3. Future Councils programme
 - 1.4. Capital and Assets pathfinders
 - 1.5. Whole place community budgets

2. This report proposes to bring this work together with other planned activity on innovation to produce an innovation programme. **Appendix 1** is the current Innovation Programme Plan which members are asked to comment on and endorse.

Appendix 1 Theme	Detailed Activity	Timetable	
Programme Management	Overall programme management and sponsorship of the programme including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Strategic oversight and agreement of the programme b) Regular reports to the Board c) Maintain good communication within LGA and with external partners, particularly NESTA and Creative Councils, on delivering innovation work d) Convene LGA 'innovation' meetings to share skills and lessons learnt from innovation and creativity work undertaken by councils 	On-going On-going At least 3 times a year On-going Quarterly	

Creative Councils	<p>Implementation of the Creative Councils programme with NESTA including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensure effective use of LGA/council resources with NESTA in the accountability of the overall Creative Councils programme. b) Focus on learning from Creative Councils to be disseminated within the local government sector and ensure it adds value including attendance at camps and other events; visiting the councils and sharing good practice via Knowledge Hub. c) Review the learning from the Creative Councils programme and consider next steps. 	<p>On-going</p> <p>By December 2013</p>	
LGA Conference	Ensure a significant focus on innovation at the LGA conference including an Innovation zone with NESTA and others	By July 2013	
Dissemination of good practice	<p>Disseminate innovation stories to the sector including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Collect and disseminate 12 'innovation stories' b) Compile and keep updated collection of LGA stories on innovation c) Update website with 2 'original' pieces of innovation content bi-monthly 	<p>By September 2013</p> <p>Bi-monthly</p>	
'Innovation master class' for members	Consider repeating Innovation masterclass for members	By July 2013	
Member's role in innovation	Carry out a number of Member interviews as part of the 'Local Councils' Innovation Framework' and promote findings at LGA conference.	By July 2013	
Knowledge Navigator	Make links with the Knowledge Navigator programme and ensure any findings arising from that programme on Innovative practice is shared with the sector and the Board	On-going	

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LGA Programme Boards	<p>Work with all the other Programme Boards to promote innovative practice including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Presentations from the 6 Creative Councils to appropriate Boards b) Review LGA programme boards for examples of innovation activities c) Share examples of councils' creative practice (and creative individuals) for relevant LGA programmes of support – e.g. Peer Challenges and other programmes 	On-going	
Evaluation and review	<p>Evaluation of 2012-2013 innovation and creativity work in line with LGA business plan objectives and targets</p> <p>Continual updating of this 2013-2014 Action Plan for creativity and innovation and seek further opportunities for wider activities.</p>	On-going	