LGA Group - Programme Plan

Theme - Community Safety, Fire and Emergency Planning

ITEM 1, APPENDIX B

Priority & Lead	What we are looking to achieve	Outputs	Who	When
REPUTATION				
Public Confidence - Community Safety and Regulatory Services	Improve public confidence in the role and ability of councils to tackle local crime and anti-social behaviour	Increase the levels of public confidence in councils by: identifying existing best practice via the Place Survey results; producing guide to raising confidence for councils with issue specific booklets eg on handling the media; hold related training events; work with the winner of the community safety LIA to spread best practice; lobby the Home Office to develop a confidence themed peer challenge programme and support the wider LGA work on	Mark Norris/Chris Williams (IDeA)	During 2010/11
		confidence; appoint Board champion. • IDeA community safety peer reviews, web-based	Chris Williams (IDeA)	Through out 2010/2011
		resources and case studies to support and build capacity. • Provide information to	Wendy Martin (LACORS)	Summer 2010

Public Confidence - Fire & Emergency Planning	Help build capacity in councils and support improvement in fire and rescue services and emergency planning.	•	councils on new RIPA provisions due to come into force in the spring/summer , and work with government to ensure a suitable training package is available to councils from the summer of 2010. Guide for councillors and practitioners on making their partnerships more efficient and effective and sharing lessons of Total Place pilots. Build relations at a national level with NOMS, the Probation Service and Probation Association. Expand the fire peer support programme and other sector led improvement proposals for the fire service, Develop an emergency planning peer support programme with the Cabinet Office. Design a programme to raise awareness of the obstacles to cultural change in the fire service and what can be done. Work with the Leadership Centre on a future leadership challenge for the	Mark Norris Mark Norris Trish O'Flynn/Sara Williams (IDeA) Trish O'Flynn/Sara Williams (IDeA) Trish O'Flynn/Michael Keating IDeA Trish O'Flynn Trish O'Flynn/IDeA	October 2010 During 2010/2011 Ongoing Sept 2010 By autumn 2010 September 2010
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		sector.		
Being an excellent employer - attract, retain motivate and reward the workforce	To make Fire and Rescue Services more attractive employers.	Produce good practice guidance on attracting the widest range of candidates for fire service recruitment at all levels.	Trish O'Flynn	Ongoing
INNOVATION AND VALUE FOR MONEY				Ongoing
Funding to deliver the job - lobby on Fire Control and the Bellwin scheme	Ensure Fire and Rescue Authorities and councils do not have to pay the costs of central government reforms or of national emergencies.	 Lobby to ensure there are no further costs on FRAs as a result of the introduction of Fire Control. Lobby for a review of the Bellwin Scheme. 	Trish O'Flynn Trish O'Flynn	December 2010
Innovation & efficiency - delivering more efficient services	The cost effective delivery of national level functions for the fire service.	Promote an LGA model for the delivery of national level functions for the fire service.	Trish O'Flynn/Clive Harris	September 2010
Supporting Fire and Rescue authorities - in voluntary collaboration and mergers	Support FRAs to make business and political decisions about potential merger arrangements.	 Based on practical experience in the sector, a report to the FSMC to outline the key issues that FRAs will need to consider A short publication to supplement this. 	Trish O'Flynn/Clive Harris Mark Norris	Winter 2010 May 2010
LOCAL DEMOCRACY				
Strengthening local democracy - clearer local decision making and accountability	Make the case for the continuing involvement of councillors in police accountability structures.	Develop a model around how directly elected commissioners if implemented might continue		

		to involve councillors and councils, which can then be used in lobbying a new government.	Mark Norris	July 2010
Promoting and supporting local councillors - holding the police to account	Undertake work with the APA and Home Office to strengthen the existing role councillors play in holding the police to account.	 Hold a workshop at the annual conference on crime and disorder scrutiny to embed community safety scrutiny in council activity. Publish a booklet setting 	Mark Norris	July 2010
		out existing best practice on improving the links between police authorities and local authorities. • Produce joint guidance with the APA on the new police	Mark Norris	May 2010
		authority regulations, with the guidance including a competency framework that applies to all police authority members. Deliver first Leadership Academy course for police	Neil Shaw/Chris Williams (IDeA)	September 2010
	Continue the work to strengthen Fire and Rescue Service	 authority councillor members, and peer reviews of police authorities. Maintain and grow the fire and rescue equality and 	Trish O'Flynn	Ongoing
	Authorities.	diversity member champions' network and ensure learning and products translate into		

		practical activity on the		
		ground.	Chara Challan 9 Objet Forestive of Beeilden Bistein	
ECONOMY			Steve Skelton & Chief Executive of Basildon District Council	
Financial inclusion	literacy among young adults, and mitigate the impact high cost credit markets can have on communities.	 Lobby government, using the LGA's position on the Financial Inclusion Taskforce to highlight these issues and provide and education campaign in this area. Raise the profile of this issue with councillors using a paid-for leaflet distributed with "First", outlining the work of this group and the importance of the issues. 	Steve Skelton Steve Skelton/Miranda King & LGA and LACORS members	Through out 2010/2011 March 2010
		Lobby OFT to use its broadened powers under the new credit legislation to deal with issues arising from this area.	Wendy Martin/Miranda King (LACORS)	Spring 2010-03- 18
		Gather intelligence on companies with extortionate interest rates and market exclusively to young people, and if appropriate name and shame them and/or refer them to the OFT for consideration of	Miranda King (LACORS)	Summer 2010-03- 18
		their licence.Building on existing LGA		Spring 2010

	Group work to collate and		
	promote best practice		
	amongst councils who are		
	working in this area, and		
	re-promote the LGA		
	"managing money"		
	publication and seek any		
	further case studies that		
	focus specifically on the		
	literacy element that can	Wendy Martin/Miranda King/Steve Skelton	
	be added to LGA Group	, G	
	websites.		Ongoing
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•	zaraiap ana accana cappon		
	for legislative changes and		
	stress the importance of		
	financial literacy when the	Miranda King (LACORS)	
	government is consulting on		A m mil 2010
	new legislation.		April 2010
•	Respond to the consultation	Children & Young People's Board and Financial	
	to prohibit the use of Bills	Inclusion Taskforce	
	of Sale.		Autumn
	Review provision of		2010
	financial literacy education		
	in the national curriculum		
	and with the Children and		
	Young People's Board and		
	Financial Inclusion Taskforce		
	raise changes the LGA		
	Group would like to see		
	with the government.		