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LGA Business Plan

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

The LGA has published a new version of the Business Plan, which contains a number of objectives relating to the work of the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board.

Recommendation

The Board considers the overall priorities of the LGA, and options for aligning the CTS Board's workplan to deliver against them.

Action

Officers to amend the workplan as directed.

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Background

1. The LGA has published its latest version of the Business Plan. It identifies six areas of work as the focus for the next 12 months.
 - 1.1. **Funding for local government** - Fair and sustainable funding enables councils to plan and deliver essential public services beyond the short term, to raise more funds locally and to promote greater collective working across local public services.
 - 1.2. **Adult social care, health and wellbeing** - Sustainable funding and better integration with health services enable councils to continue to support people to live safe, healthy, active, independent lives and to promote wellbeing and resilience for all ages.
 - 1.3. **Children, education and schools** - Councils have the powers and resources they need to bring partners together to deliver inclusive and high quality education, help children and young people to fulfil their potential and offer lifelong learning opportunities for all.
 - 1.4. **Places to live and work** - Councils lead the way in building the homes that people need, driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth and creating safe and resilient communities that are great places to live.
 - 1.5. **Strong local democracy** - A refocus on local democratic leadership and a shift in power to local communities leads to greater diversity of elected representatives, high standards of conduct and strong, flexible local governance.
 - 1.6. **Sustainability and climate action** - Councils take the lead in driving urgent actions in their local areas to combat climate change and its impacts and to deliver zero net carbon by 2030.

Culture, Tourism and Sport in the LGA Business Plan

2. The objectives most closely linked to the work of the Culture, Tourism and Sport Board are as follows:
 - 2.1. **Places to Live and Work**
 - 2.1.1. **Councils have access to funding to create communities where people want to live – we will:**
support councils to work with partners to maximise the value of local and national infrastructure investment, including in road, rail, broadband, culture, heritage and recreation.

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2.1.2. Councils are key partners in delivering the Government's national economic strategy – we will:

support councils to maximise the impact of their cultural, sporting and heritage assets to drive growth in their local visitor economy.

2.2. Sustainability and Climate Action.

2.2.1. Councils lead the way in researching and developing alternative transport options – we will:

identify the incentives and investment required to support a shift towards public transport and walking and cycling, as part of the solution to reducing carbon emissions.

Implications for Wales

3. The LGA lobbying work on the points above will recognise the impact on Wales. Improvement work on these issues is not accessible to Welsh Councils. However, we share information and learning from our improvement work with Culture and Leisure Officers Wales (CLOW) to ensure we maximise our impact, and also learn from colleagues in Wales.

Financial Implications

4. Work on these objectives will be embedded in the planned CTS work programme, and any project costs will be presented as part of that discussion.

Next steps

5. For consideration as part of the CTS work programme.