

**Meeting:** Environment Economy Housing and Transport Board

**Date:** 17 November 2022



## **LGA Plan 2022-25**

### **Purpose of report**

For discussion.

### **Summary**

On 19 October 2022, the LGA Board signed off a new 3-year business plan for 2022-25. The [LGA Plan 2022-2025](#) sets the direction for the LGA as a whole and includes our policy and campaigning priorities for the period.

The Board is asked to consider the Business Plan and to discuss any changes to its workplan to reflect the overall LGA direction and priorities.

### **Recommendations**

That the Board considers the Plan and discuss any changes to its workplan to reflect the overall LGA direction and priorities.

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# LGA Plan 2022-25



## Background

1. On 19 October 2022 the LGA Board signed off the LGA's new 3-year business plan – [LGA Plan 2022-2025](#). The development of the Plan was led by a joint officer/member task and finish group, who considered feedback from consultations and discussions with member councils, lead members, group executives and staff.
2. The new LGA Plan clearly sets out our vision to be **the Voice of Local Government** and our purpose to **Promote, Improve and Support** local government.

## Content

3. The LGA Plan is in three parts:

### Part 1:

- sets out the LGA's overarching vision and the golden thread that runs through the plan - to be **the Voice of Local Government**;
- sets out our purpose - to **Promote, Improve and Support** local government. These form the three pillars of all our external facing work, including the work of the eight policy boards and the Improvement and Innovation Board.
- emphasises our commitment to work more collaboratively across the whole of local government to strengthen our voice on behalf of the sector;

### Part 2:

- Promoting **local government** sets four policy and campaigning priorities
  - ✓ A sustainable financial future
  - ✓ Stronger local economies, thriving local democracy
  - ✓ Putting people first
  - ✓ Championing climate change and local environments;
- **Improving local government** sets out our main grant-funded commitments;
- **Supporting local government** highlights the excellent technical and professional support and services we deliver to councils in fields such as workforce, pensions, legal, communications and procurement and a range of place-based services.

### Part 3:

- **Our business** – sets out our internal organisational priorities, including actions to support our political leadership and enhance our membership, increase our financial resilience and our commitment to Net Zero.

## **Delivering the LGA Plan**

4. Members are invited to review the LGA Plan and to discuss any amendments of additions to the Board's work programme to align with the LGA's priorities.
5. The Plan contains a number of priorities which relate to, and are aligned with, the work of the Board:
  - 5.1. Councils and combined authorities have the powers and resources to create the conditions for strong, inclusive local economies and good jobs as part of 'levelling up' the country, including through improved digital connectivity and viable transport networks
  - 5.2. Government and councils work together to meet the country's net zero carbon and climate change adaptation ambitions, restore the natural environment and, through a strong focus on waste prevention, deliver a waste and resource system that meets local needs and improves the use of resources.
  - 5.3. A properly resourced local plan-led system that supports net zero carbon ambitions and through which councils can build more council homes and facilitate the delivery of housing that meets the needs of their local communities
  - 5.4. Through proportionate and risk-based social housing regulation and private rented sector reforms, communities have a safe, secure and high quality private rented sector that is fairer for both tenants and landlords and delivers improved services for social housing tenants.
  - 5.5. Councils continue to drive higher safety standards across all types of housing and are supported to ensure remedial action is taken by building owners and to prepare for the new building safety regime.
6. The LGA Plan will remain a flexible document that will be reviewed and updated annually, and with the agreement of the LGA Board, may be updated to reflect changing circumstances.

## **Implications for Wales**

7. The LGA Plan includes the support that we provide to the 22 Welsh councils, in membership of the LGA through the Welsh LGA. However, some central government grant-funded activities do not include support to Wales, where funding may be allocated through the Welsh government.

## **Financial Implications**

8. Delivery of the LGA Plan is reflected in the LGA's medium term financial strategy. Our internal business priorities include priorities to ensure the financial sustainability of the LGA.

## **Equalities implications**

9. Our internal business priorities include the delivery of the LGA's equalities strategy and action plan.

## **Next steps**

10. The Board's work programme has been developed in concert with the LGA's Business Plan. The Board's work programme is intended to be a live document subject to regular review. Any changes to the work programme agreed by the Board will be incorporated. In future years, as the Business Plan is reviewed, the Board will be able to revise its work programme to continue to align with the LGA's priorities.