

Workplan update

Purpose of Report

For information.

Is this report confidential? No

Summary

This paper updates the Board on progress against the workplan, and on any major pieces of work since the last meeting.

LGA Plan Theme: Governance and finance

Recommendation(s)

That the Board

- Note the progress to date.

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Workplan

Background

1. The Board agreed the workplan at its first meeting in September. Amendments requested at that board meeting, such as Board dates and future equalities work, have been included in the final workplan in Annex A.
2. Lead members thanked members for their offers to host a Board meeting and visit. They confirmed their preference being to visit Leicester in June, subject to final confirmation. Lead members suggested the Board earmark the June meeting as the preferred option for a council-hosted meeting each cycle.
3. This report updates the Board on progress to date, and highlights any risks to delivery. The report also updates on key activity not built into the workplan.

Progress

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Month	Action	LGA business plan heading	Progress
September 23	Board meeting	Efficient business management	Delivered
October 23	'Promoting health and wellbeing' briefing	Supporting local people and places	Delivered
	'Introduction to archives' webpages	Support for councillors and officers	Delivered
	Tourism levy magazine article	Communications and events	Delayed
	'Moving Communities' webinar	Data and digital	Delivered

5. Other activity that has taken place since the last board meeting includes:

- 5.1. Cllr Chris White spoke at the Tourism Alliance annual conference on the need for a tourism levy, alongside Cllr Adam Hug.
- 5.2. Cllr Liz Green represented the LGA on the new [National Physical Activity Taskforce](#), launched as part of the Government's new sport strategy.
- 5.3. Cllr Peter Golds attended a UKactive Health Summit on the role of sport and leisure services in tackling health issues.

- 5.4. Cllr Liz Green met Emma Squire, Director for Arts, Heritage, and Tourism at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport; and separately Dame Caroline Dinanage, Chair of the Culture, media and sport select committee.
- 5.5. Cllr Liz Green gave evidence to the Culture, media and sport select committee on [women's sport](#).
- 5.6. Cllr Liz Green delivered the keynote speech at a [Why Sports conference on unlocking the potential of physical activity](#).
- 5.7. Ian Leete attended a session of the [Tourism Industry Council](#), focusing on the role of the creative industries in supporting the visitor economy.
- 5.8. Ian Leete attended a [Creative Industries Council](#) growth sub-group meeting on growing the creative industries.

Risks to delivery

6. The initial tender process to deliver on the routemaps to sustainability attracted a lot of interest but no final bidders. We are undertaking an engagement exercise with key potential bidders to understand why this was the case, and will re-tender once this has been clarified. We believe it will still be possible to deliver in time for March 2024.
7. It has proven difficult to move forward on the Tourism levy article for *first* magazine. Manchester City Council are partners in the levy but do not own the activity. We were able to ensure CTS issues were covered through featuring the [article on the value of twinning](#) by Cllr Liam Robinson, Leader of Liverpool City Council, which was brought forward and featured in the October edition of *first*.
8. All other activities are on track to be delivered as planned and within budget.

Implications for Wales

9. There are no implications for Wales.

Financial Implications

10. All work is on track to be delivered within planned budgets.

Equalities implications

11. The evidence given to the CMS select committee on women's sport, alongside several recent research articles showing women are not being effectively served by activity provision in parks and leisure centres, has highlighted the importance of the planned call for evidence into effective practice on boosting participation among women and girls.
12. In response, we propose focusing the afternoon sessions of the CTS conference in March on participation and inclusion issues, and bringing forward the launch of the call for evidence to this event. It is currently planned for June.

Next steps

13. Officers will address the issues identified in paragraphs 6 and 7, and move forward on the next items in the workplan.

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November 23	Briefing paper on the Chiles, Webster, Batson commission	Reducing inequalities
	Board meeting	Efficient business management
December 23	Visitor economy leadership training, with 'State of the Sector' report	Support for councillors and officers
	Twinning and international relations magazine article (provisional date)	Communications and events
	Show and tell on data and evidence for culture	Data and digital
January 24	'Reaching the less active' briefing	Supporting local people and places
	Board meeting DCMS Secretary of State to attend	Efficient business management
	UK Music webinar on music venues and the visitor economy	Supporting local people and places
February 24		
March 24	Board meeting	Efficient business management
	Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference	Communications and events

	Devolution ‘thinkpieces’	Supporting local people and places
	Arts Council England (ACE) leadership training contract	Support for councillors and officers
	10 culture and library peer challenges	Support for councillors and officers
	Sport England leadership training	Support for councillors and officers
	Routemaps for culture and leisure services	Championing climate change and local sustainability
April 24	Roundtable on supporting young people to be active	Reducing inequalities
May 24	Roundtable on twinning	Supporting local people and places
June 24	Board meeting – Leicester	Efficient business management
	Public and private sector collaboration on sport and activity services	Supporting local people and places
	Call for evidence on supporting women to be active	Reducing inequalities
July 24	LGA annual conference	Communications and events
August 24		
TBC items	Roundtable for local government specialist groups	Supporting LG Workforce
	Short term lets response	Supporting local people and places
2024/25		
September 24	Publish results of call for evidence on supporting women to be active	Reducing inequalities
	Launch call for evidence on supporting people with disabilities to be active (drawing on We are Undefeatable campaign)	Reducing inequalities
January 25	Publish results of call for evidence on supporting people with disabilities to be active	Reducing inequalities

March 25	Roundtable on supporting older people to be active	Reducing inequalities
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