

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. 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

3.

November 23	Briefing paper on the Chiles, Webster, Batson commission	Reducing inequalities	Delayed – LGA comments are with Streetgames for incorporation
	Board meeting	Efficient business management	Delivered
December 23	Visitor economy leadership training, with ‘State of the Sector’ report	Support for councillors and officers	Delivered - training Delayed - State of Sector report will be published at end of month
	Twinning and international relations magazine article (provisional date)	Communications and events	Delivered
	Show and tell on data and evidence for culture	Data and digital	Scheduled 5 th February 2024
January 24	‘Reaching the less active’ briefing	Supporting local people and places	Delivered
	Board meeting DCMS Secretary of State to attend	Efficient business management	In progress
	UK Music webinar on music venues and the visitor economy	Supporting local people and places	Scheduled 30 th January

4. Other key activity that has taken place since the last board meeting includes:
 - 4.1. Cllr Shaun Davies met Thangam Debbonaire MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport. Cllr Davies also met Sir Nick Serota, Chair of Arts Council England.
 - 4.2. Cllr Liz Green represented the LGA at the second meeting of the [National Physical Activity Taskforce](#), launched as part of the Government's new sport strategy.
 - 4.3. Cllr Liz Green met with The National Archives.
 - 4.4. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans is attending the launch of the Government response to Baroness Sanderson's Independent Review of Library Services (18 January).
 - 4.5. Ian Leete and Samantha Ramanah attended roundtables on future sport policy with Stephanie Peacock MP, Shadow Minister for Sport.
 - 4.6. Ian Leete and Lauren Lucas met the National Trust.
 - 4.7. The annual [culture, tourism and sport conference booking page](#) is now live.
 - 4.8. Culture, tourism and sport services are included in the LGA's submission ahead of the planned March budget.
 - 4.9. Proposals for a workshop on creative industries, and one on public leisure, have been submitted for the LGA annual conference in July. We are also working with partners to submit case studies to feature at the Innovation Zone.

Improvement

5. Sport England:
 - 5.1. 3 year application to deliver leadership training submitted (£850 000)
 - 5.2. 8-10 January - delivering officer leadership programme for [place partner areas](#)
 - 5.3. 31 January – 'Capturing value' session 2 for alumin of officer programmes
 - 5.4. 28-29 February – bookings open for cllr leadership programme for [place partner areas](#). Cllr Gary Ridley is co-host.
6. Arts Council England:
 - 6.1. 24-25 January - New and emerging lead library officers programme – fully booked. Speakers include The National Archives, Libraries Connected and CEX of Warrington BC.
 - 6.2. January-April – online senior officer programme applications being considered by ACE. Oversubscribed, including 9 applications from ACE priority places and levelling up for culture places.
 - 6.3. Draft report for Telford and Wrekin culture peer challenge in development. Identifying a peer challenge for Middlesbrough culture challenge in February.

Risks to delivery

7. The routemaps for sustainability have now been commissioned and timescales are back on track for delivery. We have appointed [Nature Positive](#), part of the RSK group, to deliver this for us.
8. The delayed Chiles, Webster, Batson briefing paper is due to limited partner capacity. The delayed visitor economy State of the Sector report is in the final editing stage and on track to be published at the end of the month.
9. All other activities are on track to be delivered as planned and within budget.

Implications for Wales

10. There are no implications for Wales.

Financial Implications

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

Equalities implications

12. The afternoon sessions of the conference include a panel session on inclusion, and a workshop exploring practical delivery of projects that looked at this.

Next steps

13. Officers will address the issues identified in paragraphs 8 and move forward on the next items in the workplan.

Workplan

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