**Update on Transparency**

**Purpose**

For information and discussion.

**Summary**

Further to the last transparency report to the Improvement and Innovation Board in July 2013, this report gives an update on:

* recent government announcements on open data and transparency, and the Local Authorities Data Transparency Code published by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)
* the open data Breakthrough Fund and other funding programmes.

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| **Recommendation**  The Improvement and Innovation Board is requested to:   1. note the recent government announcements on open data and transparency 2. approve the LGA response to the transparency code for local government (a draft response to be approved will be submitted shortly before the meeting) 3. note progress on the open data Breakthrough Fund programme 4. note that the LGA has secured £5.487 million funding for the sector over two years (2013-2015) to publish data under INSPIRE and open data initiatives 5. give views on the future plans for the local transparency programme (paragraphs 27 and 28).   **Action**  The Research and Information Team will continue to develop the programme in line with the Board’s views pending financial approval of the 2014/15 budget. |

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