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| **Current LGA support activity** | **Audience** | **Intended outcome** | **Timing / dissemination** |
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| **Publications and reports** |  |  |  |
| Governance models: review possible executive arrangements and different mayoral models (Professor Robin Hambleton) | Senior officers and members in councils, especially those in combined authorities. | Raising awareness of different models of governance; sharing knowledge on how to evaluate different models. | Report to LGA end April, dissemination online and through existing events in June/July |
| Analysis of the implications of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 for the formation of combined authorities and practical advice for those considering a CA (supplier tbc) | Senior officers and members in councils, especially those considering combined authorities. | Councils are better informed on the practicalities of forming a combined authority. | Report to LGA early May, dissemination online and through officer network in first instance. |
| Briefing note on health devolution and the implications for providers and the VCS (builds on briefing event on 1 March) | Councils, health partners, VCS groups | Better awareness of how health and care devolution fits into the wider transformation landscape. Co-branded with NHS Clinical Commissioners and NHS Confederation. | March; dissemination online and through relevant networks. |
| Sharing the experience of Greater Manchester council and health partners of their health and care devolution experiences (from roundtable event Feb 2016). | Councils with an interest in health and care devolution. | Learning is shared across the sector. Co-branded with Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Greater Manchester NHS and Public Sector Transformation Network. | March; dissemination online |
| LGA DevoNext hub | Wide | LGA continues to be the leader in sharing knowledge on devolution in England. | Ongoing |
| Interviews and analysis of devolution deal process to date (New Economy) | Members and officers in councils, LEPs, civil servants and Minister. | Learning from frontrunner deals is captured; recommendations made for improving the process where possible. | Report to LGA end March. Publication likely post purdah. Depending on finding we may consider a local/national roundtable to discuss next steps. |
| Think pieces: the role of communities and the VCS in devolution (partner tbc) | Councils and voluntary and community organisations | Good practice is shared and councils are better equipped to engage their community representatives on devolution. | Report to LGA in the summer |
| **Work with places** |  |  |  |
| Bespoke engagement with places on negotiations | Demand-driven | Places benefit from the most up to date information on devolution and ‘critical friend’ challenge. | Ongoing |
| Governance support to councils (Centre for Public Scrutiny) | Council members and officers | Some places are directly supported to develop their governance arrangements and learnings are shared with all. | Report to LGA at end March; dissemination online; workshop with devolution network planned; session at member event planned. |
| Higher education: programme of engagement with Universities UK | Initial work focused on small group of leaders from both sectors. Lessons to be shared with councils, combined authorities and LEPs. | Better understanding of how universities and higher education partners can play a role in place-based services. | Scoping meeting in March; potential for 12-month programme |
| **Lobbying** |  |  |  |
| Engaging with MPs to share key messages about devolution. | All MPs | MPs are better able to engage constructively in local discussions. | To align with first annual devolution report from the Secretary of State. |
| **Events** |  |  |  |
| Officer devolution network | Council officers involved in devolution deals | Learning and advice is shared between peers. Knowledge and information can be targeted to key individuals. | Next meeting 28 April. Ongoing activity, including thematic workshops. |
| Member devolution event | All members, especially backbench members | Members are better informed about the national context on devolution and can engage more effectively in local conversations. | 21 June |
| Joint event with NALC (National Association of Local Councils) | Principal and town and parish councillors | The sector is aware of the opportunities for onward devolution to town and parish councils. Town and parish councils better understand the wider local government context. | 1 June (tbc) |
| Devolution sessions at LGA annual conference | All delegates | Specifics are still being scoped out. | 5-7 July |
| Local devolution communication events. | On demand from places | Comms officers are better able to communicate with their residents about devolution. | Three events in train for the spring. |
| **Tools** |  |  |  |
| Analysis and sharing of tax and spend data tool for all councils, plus guides on how to use effectively | Council officers negotiating or implementing a devolution deal or working on public service transformation | Councils are better able to make the case for transforming public services | LGA currently reviewing first drafts. Dissemination online once QA checks have been completed. |
| Local devolution communications tools. | Comms officers in councils and combined authorities. | Comms officers are better able to communicate with their residents about devolution. | Project is currently being scoped. |
| **LGA corporate work** |  |  |  |
| Ongoing development of the broader support offer on devolution to ensure it remains relevant to all places. | Various | Various, with a focus on ensuring our offer remains relevant to councils at all stages of the process. | Ongoing in anticipation of RSG. |
| Combined authority working group | Internal | The LGA reflects the changes in local government. | Reports to Leadership Board in April. |