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WLGA ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to present the WLGA's draft Annual Report 2023-2024, for comment and approval by the WLGA Council.
2. Also attached to this report is information on work undertaken by organisations who receive funding from a top-slice of the Revenue Support Grant, for members information and awareness.

Background

3. The WLGA's draft Annual Report (Appendix 1) highlights the work undertaken by the WLGA over the past year and summarises core activities and achievements undertaken between July 2023 and June 2024.
4. The main report reflects the work undertaken by the WLGA, primarily, using the subscriptions provided by councils. Given the nature and variety of the work undertaken, not everything can be included but hopefully it provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Association.
5. The report also includes an Appendix which gives an overview of the work undertaken by the grant funded teams hosted, supported and managed by the WLGA. Funding is received from a number of sources, such as the Welsh and UK Governments, to provide a range of teams that generally focus on specific issues, also aimed at supporting councils.
6. Attached at Appendix 2 is a short summary of work undertaken by a number of organisations who receive funding via a top-slice of the Revenue Support Grant, setting out how the top-slice is used to support their work, their work with and for councils, supporting the improvement of services, helping achieve national priorities and shared aims and benefitting local communities. This report follows a decision of the Executive Board to seek an annual update to the WLGA Council on the work of the top-sliced bodies with the aim of increasing understanding on how funding provided is used and to raise the profile of their work.

Recommendations

7. The WLGA Council is invited to:

- 7.1 Discuss and comment on the draft WLGA Annual Report 2023-24;**
- 7.2 Approve the draft WLGA Annual Report 2023-24; and**
- 7.3 Comment on and note the short summaries provided by the organisations who receive funding via a top-slice of the Revenue Support Grant, setting out how the top-slice is used to support their work.**

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