

## **Consulting**

International experience demonstrates that there is a significant need for local government consultancy services that have a strong research/academic underpinning. It is common in jurisdictions such as England, Canada and the United States for consultancies specialising in local government and local governance to be university-based or at the very least, have very strong university linkages.

These three operational priority areas are more fully expressed and developed in the LGC Strategic Plan, which is currently being finalised. There is an urgent need for good research, drawing on the best of both international and domestic experience. There is also a major teaching/learning requirement, meeting the educational needs of a body of elected leaders, professional and technical people, in the local government sector, as they move into a new role and one that is pivotal for the future of their communities.

LGC staff welcome ideas and input into our work at any time.

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