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## Chief Executive's Report – July 2018

### Purpose

For discussion and direction.

### Summary

The LGA business plan for 2018/19 centres on six external priorities:

- Britain's exit from the EU;
- Devolution and funding for local government;
- Inclusive growth, jobs and housing;
- Children, education and schools;
- Adult social care and health; and
- Supporting councils.

Part 1 of the six-weekly Chief Executive's report sets out the LGA's main achievements against those priorities. Part two focusses on our internal priority – *a single voice for local government* - including membership and our media outreach activities.

### Recommendation

That the LGA Leadership Board notes the Chief Executive's report for July 2018.

### Action

As directed by members.

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### **Achievements against our external priorities**

#### **Priority 1 – Britain's exit from the EU**

- 1.1 **Cross-Whitehall Local Government Working Group:** Following continued lobbying around the need for local government's voice to be heard, the LGA has been invited to be a standing member of the Cross-Whitehall Local Government Working Group which will convene policy officials from across Government to ensure that their work is joined up and that the local impacts of EU exit are taken into account. The LGA is also working with council colleagues on an HMRC LA border planning steering group looking at the specific impacts for councils with ports of entry.
- 1.2 **EU candidates in Local Elections:** Cllr Kevin Bentley, Chairman of the LGA Brexit Task Force, wrote to Local Government Minister Rishi Sunak MP to urge MHCLG to look into the implications of the Withdrawal Bill on EU citizens wishing to stand in local elections next year ahead of local selection processes.
- 1.3 **SIGOMA Annual meeting:** On the 4 July Cllr Bentley gave a presentation on the work of the LGA Brexit Task Force at SIGOMA's Annual meeting. Cllr Bentley updated members on the ongoing priorities of the LGA around the local impacts of Brexit.
- 1.4 **Moving on the conversation:** The LGA launched their Brexit conference paper at LGA Annual Conference. The report has been noted by key officials like Stefaan de Rynck, Senior Advisor to Michel Barnier, who specifically addressed issues raised in report within his speech on the last day of our Annual Conference.
- 1.5 **Exiting the EU Delivery Board:** Following a cross-departmental meeting between the LGA, MHCLG and DExEU, James Brokenshire announced a new Exiting the EU Delivery Board with the LGA to support the implementation of changes in the sector linked to Brexit.
- 1.6 **Place-based impacts of Brexit:** In collaboration with MHCLG the LGA has organised several regional seminars to debate the opportunities and risks that Brexit poses to local areas. The programme is ongoing with the most recent seminar on the 16 July in Leeds.
- 1.7 **EU Withdrawal Act:** we continued to lobby on the EU (Withdrawal) Bill (now an Act), providing a briefing for MPs upon its return to the House of Commons for the 'ping-pong' stage

#### **Priority 2 – Devolution and funding for Local Government**

- 2.1 At our Annual Conference, we launched our [revised financial analysis](#) which shows that local services are facing a £7.8 billion funding gap by 2025, only to maintain current levels and standards of service and support. This marks the starting point of the LGA's Spending Review work. A more detailed work programme and engagement strategy are in the process of being developed and will be discussed at a future Leadership Board.
- 2.2 Our work on **Business Rates Retention and the Fair Funding Review** is covered under a specific item on the agenda of Leadership Board.
- 2.3 **The Post-Brexit England Commission:** the People and Places Board's Post-Brexit England Commission launched its [interim report](#) at our Annual Conference. The report outlines seven key areas in which local government must be given the powers to address local challenges in order to

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support the future success of the towns, villages, rural, deeply rural and coastal communities of non-metropolitan England. The report received extensive coverage in the media including [the Daily Telegraph](#), [the Guardian](#), [The Times](#) and [the Express](#). Officers are now planning the next phase of the Commission's work including its remaining roadshows which will be held across England in the coming months.

- 2.4 **Combined Authority (CA) Chief Executives' Network:** was hosted at the Annual Conference on 5 July with further positive steps taken towards the development of a collective CA work plan for the next twelve months. This followed the most recent meetings of the CA senior officer networks on employment and skills, housing and planning, and finance where topics covered included: adult education budget devolution, collaboration with Homes England and the development of medium-term financial strategies.
- 2.5 **In Parliament:** we briefed MPs ahead of a debate on the review of business rates, focussing on the responsiveness to local needs and the need to incentivise local growth.

### **Priority 3 – Inclusive Growth, Jobs and Housing**

- 3.1 **Serious Violence Taskforce:** the Chair of our Safer and Stronger Communities Board, Cllr Simon Blackburn, attended the second meeting of the Serious Violence Taskforce. The Taskforce is formed of Government Ministers, cross-party MPs, police leaders, local government and the voluntary sector, who ensure sustained, swift and decisive action is taken against serious violent crime. The meeting focused on the Offensive Weapons Bill and the use of social media to insight violent crime. The next meeting is due to take place in July.
- 3.2 **National Oversight Group on Domestic Abuse:** Cllr Simon Blackburn, Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, attended the Home office-led National Oversight Group on Domestic Abuse. The meeting focused primarily on the police response to domestic abuse and the importance of training for frontline professionals on this important issue.
- 3.3 **Home Affairs committee evidence:** we submitted written evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee as part of their inquiry into domestic abuse. Subsequently, Cllr Simon Blackburn, Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, was called to give oral evidence to the committee in July. Cllr Blackburn emphasised the importance of taking a public health approach to tackling domestic abuse and the need for greater investment in early intervention and prevention services. Our key messages are [available here](#).
- 3.4 **Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) event:** we held an event with council officers who had been successful in their bids for funding as part of the Home Office's VAWG service transformation fund. The purpose of the event was for councils to share best practice and case studies, showcasing some of the innovative work being carried out across local government, which is helping to improve the lives of victims of domestic abuse.
- 3.5 **County lines event:** we hosted a conference on county lines issues and tackling child criminal exploitation. This included speakers from the Home Office, local government colleagues, the Violence and Vulnerability Unit, the Children's Society and other key partners. Local government colleagues who attended to event were able to share best practice and discuss how improvements could be made in local areas when responding to county lines issues.
- 3.6 **Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper:** we submitted [our response](#) to the Government's Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper. Our response supported the broad objectives of the strategy, and its acknowledgement of the importance of locally-led approaches. However it argued that the Green Paper stopped short of setting out what is needed around key areas such as education, housing, skills and growth and calls for further devolution of powers and resources to local government

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in order to tackle the complex issues that undermine cohesion.

- 3.7 **Modern Slavery:** we supported the launch of the Safe Car Wash app, developed by the Clewer Initiative. It provides a list of indicators of modern slavery in hand car washes to help members of the public identify where car washes might be engaging in these criminal practices. Our modern slavery spokesperson, Cllr Alan Rhodes, also gave oral evidence to the Environmental Audit Committee as part of its inquiry into hand car washes
- 3.8 **Taking a whole council approach to tackling harmful gambling:** we have published new joint guidance with Public Health England to support authorities in developing a whole council approach to tackling harmful gambling. This was launched at an event to discuss this issue, which heard first hand experience from individuals and families who have experienced gambling addictions.
- 3.9 **High Streets:** we submitted written evidence to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee on High Streets and Town Centres in 2030. Our evidence highlighted the role of councils in local economic growth and regeneration.
- 3.10 **Tenant Fees:** Cllr Simon Blackburn, Chair of our Safer and Stronger Communities Board, provided oral evidence to the Tenant Fees Public Bill Committee highlighting the need for councils' trading standards teams to be properly resourced to enforce the ban.
- 3.11 **Permitted development:** we have sent a survey on permitted development rights to heads of planning. This will enable us to develop an accurate evidence base on the impact of permitted development rights allowing change of use to housing without the need for planning permission. This will inform our lobbying and advocacy work on your behalf.
- 3.12 **Building Safety:** following lobbying by the LGA and others, MHCLG launched a consultation on banning the use of combustible materials on the external walls of high-rise residential buildings in June. MHCLG also announced that after councils have helped identify nearly 300 private high-rise residential buildings with unsafe cladding that the LGA would be invited to participate in a new taskforce to oversee remediation work on these buildings, and that the LGA and the National Fire Chiefs Council would be establishing a team to support councils in this work. Mark Norris, LGA Principal Policy Adviser, has also provided oral evidence to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry into the Independent Review of Building Safety Regulations.
- 3.13 **Digital connectivity:** the Rural Digital Connectivity Working Group recently engaged Ofcom to share their concerns regarding the current level of mobile connectivity available to rural residents and explore areas where the regulator, local government and the communications sector can work in partnership to catalyse improvements. Members used the opportunity to emphasise that councils would be better placed to have more meaningful discussions with mobile operators on improving local connectivity if Ofcom supplied more accurate local coverage reports that reflect consumer mobile experience on the ground. Ofcom have agreed to maintain a dialogue with the Group in the coming months.
- 3.14 **New Minister of State:** Following the Cabinet reshuffle, the Chairman is writing to Kit Malthouse MP, the new Minister of State for Housing to welcome him to his post, set out our policy recommendations, particularly on the upcoming Social Housing Green Paper and offer our support in engaging with local government.
- 3.15 **New Secretary of State:** Following the Cabinet reshuffle, the Chairman is writing to Jeremy Wright MP, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to welcome him to his post, set out our policy recommendations and offer our support in engaging with local government.

#### **Priority 4 – Children, education and schools**

- 4.1 **Children’s Services financial gap:** We continue to call for new funding for our children’s services, particularly in light of our refreshed funding analysis which finds councils will face a funding gap of £3 billion by 2025 just to keep services running at current levels.
- 4.2 **Children’s Services survey:** we recently sent a survey to all children’s services authorities to get a greater understanding of the impact of recent policy and funding changes in relation to early years provision.
- 4.3 **Cost variation in Children’s Services:** We have published new research from Newton Europe, examining why councils appear to spend significantly different amounts on children’s services while achieving broadly similar outcomes. This variation is often used as an argument against providing additional funding, with the suggestion that higher spenders should be able to match their budgets to those of lower spending areas elsewhere. The Newton research examines a range of areas, including the impact of factors such as deprivation, variations in looked after children practice and spending on other areas of children’s services. The report concludes that spend variation is an inevitable result of the specific circumstances facing individual councils, highlighting that over half the variation is caused by five economic and geographic factors largely outside council control.
- 4.4 **In Parliament:** we briefed MPs ahead of the Estimates Day Debate in the House of Commons on the spending of the Department of Education and Cllr Lucy Nethsingha gave oral evidence to the APPG on Youth Affairs this month on Youth Work, alongside the Children’s Commissioner Anne Longfield. This followed written evidence that we submitted earlier in the month.

#### **Priority 5 – Adult Social Care and health**

- 5.1 **Darzi Review:** throughout May and June, Cllr Izzi Seccombe and I served on the Expert Advisory Panel to Lord Darzi, who was commissioned by the Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) to undertake an inquiry into the future of health and social care. The final report was published on 15 June and Cllr Seccombe took part in a panel discussion at the IPPR launch event on 19 June.
- 5.2 **Member events:** Over the last month senior members and officers of the LGA have been very active in keeping adult social care in the spotlight. In particular members of the LGA Community Wellbeing Board took part in several panel discussions and plenary sessions at events throughout June, including the King’s Fund Personalised, Care Programme at the King’s Fund Personalised Care Conference on 5 June, the NHS Confederation conference on 13 June, and the Health+Care Conference on 28 June. Cllr Richard Kemp spoke at the Social Enterprise UK Social Care conference on 12 July on the crucial role of adult social care services in providing joined up, person-centred care.
- 5.3 **Adult Social Care Funding Survey:** our survey on funding for adult social care drew widespread media coverage. The poll of leaders and adult social care cabinet members in all 152 councils providing social care in England found that 96 per cent believe there is a major national funding problem in adult social care.
- 5.4 **LGA Social Care Green Paper:** health and social care was a major theme of our Annual Conference, with delegates strongly supporting the announcement that the LGA will be publishing our own green paper for adult social care later in the summer to stimulate public debate and engagement on this vital issue.
- 5.5 **New Secretary of State:** Following the Cabinet reshuffle, the Chairman is writing to Matt Hancock MP,

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the new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to welcome him to his post, set out our policy recommendations, particularly on the upcoming Adult Social Care Green Paper and offer our support in engaging with local government.

- 5.6 **In Parliament:** we briefed Peers ahead of a debate on the support available to carers and the ‘Carers Action Plan 2018-2020’ in the House of Lords, briefed MPs ahead of the Estimates Day Debate on spending on health and social care, briefed Peers ahead of a debate on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NHS and the need for integration, highlighting the important contribution adult social care makes to the health and care system and briefed Peers ahead of a debate on ensuring social care is adequately funded in the House of Lords.

### **Priority 6 – Supporting Councils**

- 6.1 **Innovation Zone:** we ran our sixth successful Innovation Zone at our Annual Conference this year involving at least 46 speakers, representing innovative work from 40 organisations including many councils. Improvement and Innovation Board members compered the Zone programme, which commenced with an engaging session from Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and their sociable humanoid robot Pepper. The final day’s programme included how the National FGM Centre and councils are tackling female genital mutilation to improve the lives of children, and how councils are working with Nesta to explore the use of drones in public services.
- 6.2 **Research and Information:** Colleagues from the LGA Research and Information team also demonstrated LG Inform, providing ‘hands-on’ assistance to delegates, and promoted LG Inform Plus and the new LG Inform Value for Money profiles, which brings together data about the costs, performance and activity of local councils and fire and rescue authorities.
- 6.3 **National Procurement Strategy:** we have launched our [National Procurement Strategy](#). Local government currently spends some £55b each year on bought in goods, works and services. Reduction in funding to councils highlights the importance of achieving best value, including social value, from every pound we spend.
- 6.4 **Shared Service Map:** the latest refresh of the LGA [Shared Services Map](#) shows that there are now 555 shared service arrangements (up from 486) across the country, resulting in £840 million (up from £640m) of cumulative efficiency savings. The map shows once again that when it comes to making efficiency savings there is no sector better than local government.
- 6.5 **Cyber security:** we have asked member councils to nominate a lead contact to coordinate their organisation’s response to our [“stocktake”](#) of existing cyber security arrangements within all councils in England. This will help establish good practice and identify those councils that could benefit from additional support including funding.
- 6.6 **Free, online data maturity self-assessment tool:** we recently launched this [new free tool](#) through which local authorities can complete a questionnaire to highlight their capabilities, be compared with others, and receive suggested next steps.
- 6.7 **Women councillors:** a new development day for women councillors was held on 22 June. The event focussed on creating a network for female politicians and empowering women to develop in their political careers. The event was a success and a two-day programme will be launched in the winter. Following the Fawcett Society report “Does Local Government Work for Women?” we are also in discussion with MHCLG and Fawcett Society about a new campaign to help enable councils to assess the way that they support councillors and promote family friendly policies. This would include highlighting the best practice from those councils who have achieved high levels of diversity and attracted councillors from all walks of life.

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- 6.8 **ngdp voted 25<sup>th</sup> in the Guardian UK 300 top employers:** this ranked ngdp higher than John Lewis, Apple, Sky, HMRC, the Army, GCHQ and the RAF.
- 6.9 **Parliamentary Reception:** we hosted our annual Parliamentary reception in the House of Lords which brought together Peers, MPs, Council Leaders, Chief Executives and Councillors. The speakers on the evening were the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire, the Deputy Leader of the House of Lords, Baroness Smith, Baroness Eaton, Cllr Nick Forbes and Cllr David Simmonds.
- 6.10 **Collaborative leadership on community cohesion:** we supported a SOLACE and Yorkshire and Humber Chief Executives' Network roundtable on collaborative leadership on community cohesion in June, which was attended by 12 Chief Executives and senior officers from authorities in the region. We are hoping to work with SOLACE on a further event for senior officers later this year.
- 6.11 **Digital Declaration:** In his keynote address at our Annual Conference, Rishi Sunak MP launched the Local Digital Declaration. This declaration affirms our collective ambition for local public services in the digital age, and our commitments to realising it. The Minister also announced £7.5m of funding for councils over two years.

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## **Internal Priority – A single voice for local government**

### **LGA Membership**

7. The total number of councils on notice to leave the LGA on 31 March 2019 is six. These are;
  - East Staffordshire Borough Council
  - London Borough of Richmond
  - Leicestershire County Council
  - Lincolnshire County Council
  - Southend Borough Council
  - West Sussex County Council
8. Four councils remain out of membership – the London Boroughs of Bromley, Wandsworth and Barnet and Gosport Borough Council.
9. As a result of local government reorganisation, we have been informed by a further fifteen authorities that they wish to give notice to leave LGA membership on 31 March 2019 as these councils will cease to exist. These are;
  - Poole Borough Council
  - Bournemouth Borough Council
  - Christchurch Borough Council
  - North Dorset District Council
  - West Dorset District Council
  - Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
  - Purbeck District Council
  - East Dorset District Council
  - Dorset County Council
  - Forest Heath District Council
  - St Edmundsbury Borough Council
  - Suffolk Coastal District Council
  - Waveney District Council
  - West Somerset District Council
  - Taunton Deane Borough Council
10. We have been informed that their successor authorities intend to take up LGA membership on 1 April 2019.

### **New LGA Company**

11. Further to the meeting of the Board of Directors of the LGA Company on 7 March 2018, and the Special Resolution passed by the first General Meeting of the company on the same day, the Articles of Association were lodged with Companies House, directors' details submitted and the accounting date changed to 31 March. The new LGA came into effect on 1 April 2018.



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12. All member authorities have been sent an application for admission as a member authority to the new LGA. At the time of writing, 337 completed applications have been received. We continue to work with the remaining authorities to ensure full membership. A verbal update will be provided to Leadership Board.

### **LGA Annual Conference and Exhibition 2018**

13. Our Annual Conference took place from 3-5 July 2018 at the ICC in Birmingham. The Conference, Innovation Zone and Exhibition welcomed around 1500 delegates and showcased 100 exhibitors. We published [a series of papers](#), commissioned by LGA boards, which start the new thinking around building the case for long term, sustained investment in local government as well as laying out the positive outcomes this would deliver for the country.
14. We were joined by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and ministers and officials from across government and the political spectrum. This report highlights the work done at Conference under each of our priorities and a further, more detailed report on the event will come to the next Leadership Board.

### **Membership engagement by the Strategic Management Team**

7 June – 17 July

<b>Chief Executive</b>	
11 June	NE Regional Chief Executives
13 June	LGA Parliamentary Reception
19 June	Barking and Dagenham Council
20 June	LGA finance workshop
21 June	District Councils Chief Executives
22 June	Dorset Chief Executives
22 June	Poole Council
23 June	London Labour Councillors Event
25 June	Waverley Borough Council
16 July	Plymouth Council
<i>Forward plan</i>	
26 July	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
31 July	Nottingham City
2 August	Craven Council
6 September	District Councils Chief Executives
6 September	London Councils
<b>Deputy Chief Executive</b>	
8 June	Liberal Democrat Leaders Conference
15 June	Health and Care Call
18 June/10 July	Surrey Council

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28 June	ASC Lead Members Induction
11/12 July	CIPFA Conference
<b>Head of Improvement</b>	
12 July	Shadow MHCLG team awayday
13 July	Chief Executives London Committee

## Media

<b>Britain's Exit from the EU</b>
Impact of losing access to the European Investment Bank after Brexit, need for equivalent lending alternatives (FT)
Housing Secretary James Brokenshire to discuss Brexit issues with councils at LGA Annual Conference (BBC Andrew Marr Show, BBC Radio 4's Westminster Hour)
Stefaan De Rynck, senior advisor to EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier, speech to Annual Conference (Mirror Online)
Call for mandatory traffic light labelling after Brexit (Mail Online, ITV Online)
<b>Devolution and funding for local government</b>
Funding gap facing local services will reach £8 billion by 2020 (Guardian, Mirror, i paper, Metro, Express Online)
Resources Board Vice Chairman Cllr John Fuller on Good Morning Britain, LGA Vice Chairman Cllr Marianne Overton on BBC local radio and Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming on Five News about how half of all bus routes are under threat due to funding cuts to local government (ITV News, ITV Online, Express, Mirror)
Shared services with other local authorities have saved £334.1 million since 2010 (FT)
Response to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's report on destitution, calling for the restoration of funding to councils for welfare assistance schemes (Mirror, i paper, Sun)
Business rates retention will not be enough on its own to fund demographic and demand pressures on local services (BBC Radio 5 Live)
Outstanding business rates appeals from 2010 valuation and impact on councils and local services (i paper, Talk Radio)
Cost of free bus pass schemes should be fully funded (Mail)
<b>Inclusive growth, jobs and housing</b>
Lord Porter interviewed on Channel 4's Dispatches programme about building safety following the Hackitt Review, calling for other types of combustible cladding to be banned other than those used on Grenfell (Mirror, Independent)
People and Places Board Chairman Cllr Mark Hawthorne interviewed on Sky News Radio about councils warning that rural areas are at risk of terminal decline (Telegraph, Express, Times Online, Guardian Online)
Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming interviewed on Channel 4 News with call for councils to be allowed to keep 100 per cent of Right to Buy receipts to build more homes (Channel 4 News Online)
Right to Buy scheme risks running out of home unless councils are given funding to build more (Telegraph, Guardian, Sun, Mirror, Express Online, Sky News Online, LBC Online, Talk Radio Online)

Grimsey Review 2 into state of British high streets, launched at Annual Conference (Telegraph, ITV Online, Mail Online, Sun Online, Sky News Online, LBC Online, CityAM Online)
Crisis report on ending homelessness, need for renaissance in council house building (BBC Online, ITV Online, Mail Online)
Call for an immediate ban on desktop studies (FT)
Generation Rent report on improvement notices (Times, Express Online)
1 in 10 of new homes are former office blocks converted under permitted development rules (Telegraph, Sun Online)
Call for 2p per litre of fuel duty to be reinvested into local road maintenance (Sunday Mirror, Metro, Talk Radio)
LGA part of joint inspection team to help councils ensure swifter progress by private landlords to make buildings safe (Sun)
Number of age-friendly homes needs to increase by 400,000 by 202) (CityAM Online)
<b>Children, education and schools</b>
LGA analysis of figures showing councils have best track record of improving schools classed as inadequate compared to sponsored academies (BBC Online, Independent Online)
Cllr David Simmonds interviewed on LBC about Children's Commissioner report on children facing "serious risk" at home (Independent, Sky News Online)
Class sizes in secondary schools rising, need for councils to be given powers to force academies and free schools to expand (Express, Telegraph Online, Mail Online)
Rise in child protection plans started by councils (Sky News, Mirror, Huffington Post)
Children's Commissioner report on public spending on children, early years intervention (BBC Online, ITV Online, Guardian Online, Huffington Post)
Children's services facing £2 billion funding gap by 2020 (Sunday Express, Times)
Care Crisis Review report on children's services (Guardian Online)
Only 15 per cent of largest academy chains perform above national average compared with 44 per cent of council schools (Guardian)
Tighter restrictions on gambling advertising around football matches to protect children needed (Mail, Times)
Education Policy Institute report calling for some academies to be returned to council control (Independent Online)
Child Obesity Strategy response (Observer)
Action for Children report on 36,000 young people repeatedly referred to children's services (Mirror, Huffington Post)
Cllr David Simmonds on BBC Radio 4's World at One about children in care being placed out-of-area
Surge in children's social workers quitting the profession (Huffington Post)
<b>Adult social care and health</b>
Lord Porter's address to LGA Annual Conference, urging government to tackle social care crisis (Huffington Post, BBC Radio 5 Live)
Community Wellbeing Board Chairman Cllr Izzi Secombe interviewed on Sky News and BBC Radio 5 Live, Senior Vice Chair Cllr Nick Forbes on ITV News and LGA Vice Chairman Cllr David Simmonds on BBC Breakfast and BBC News about results of LGA survey on councils' views on how to provide long-term, sustainable funding for adult social care (BBC

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Radio 2, LBC, Talk Radio news bulletins, Observer, Sunday Times, Sun on Sunday, Independent Online)
LGA Vice Chairman Cllr David Simmonds interviewed live on BBC News channel on need for equivalent funding settlement for adult social care as the £20 billion extra for NHS (BBC Radio 2, Sky News, BBC Online, Guardian, Independent, i paper)
Cllr Izzi Seccombe interviewed on The People vs The NHS programme about HIV prevention drug PrEP being made available on the NHS
Poorest communities are fast food hotspots (Sun, Guardian Online, Mail Online, Metro Online, BBC Online, ITV Online)
Councils helping to reduce loneliness and improve wellbeing (Telegraph, Sun, Mirror, Express)
Cllr Izzi Seccombe interviewed on LBC in response to IFS report on decline in social care spending over last decade (Times)
Help for older people and those suffering from heart and respiratory problems during the heat wave (Telegraph, Express, Star Online, Huffington Post)
Response to the ADASS annual budget survey (Express, Mirror, Guardian Online)
One in four women do not attend cervical screening programmes, call for government to reverse public health funding cuts (Buzzfeed News)
Cllr Izzi Seccombe comment piece warning of “irrefutable crisis” in social care funding (Express)
£2 billion funding gap by 2020, social care costs cap (Telegraph, Sunday Times, Mail on Sunday)
Royal College of Physicians report on treating tobacco dependency in the NHS (Mail Online, ITV Online, Talk Radio Online)
Response to joint committee report on long-term funding of adult social care (Independent Online)
<b>Supporting councils</b>
LGA Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming interviewed on Sky News Radio about rise in sales of fake football memorabilia during World Cup (LBC, Talk Sport, Talk Radio, Sky News Online, LBC Online)
Effect of the World Cup on domestic violence (Talk Radio, Talk Sport, Sky News Radio, Independent Online)
Successful call for maximum stakes on FOBTs to be lowered (Guardian Online)
Response to legal ruling against Southwark Council on water rates charging of tenants (BBC Online)
Response to Sir William Worsley being appointed as tree champion, new duties on councils (Times)