
LGA response to the economic slowdown - work in progress

Owner	Activity/Output	Timing	Audiences	Lead officer
LGA Policy: Regeneration/economic development	Case study publication showing how councils can help communities weather the downturn	10 November	Member authorities Whitehall	Ian Keating
	Research on the effect on different areas of previous downturns/recessions and likely effects of the current one; with 5 more detailed case studies; and policy recommendations	17 November	Member authorities Whitehall Press Opinion formers	
	Credit Crunch summit	17 November	Member authorities Whitehall Press Opinion formers	
	Joint publication with British Chambers of Commerce on how businesses and councils can work together to weather the downturn	3 December	Member authorities Whitehall Press Opinion formers	
	Menu of changes to regulations needed to help mitigate the impacts of the slowdown	w/b 10 November	Whitehall Press	
	Publication on the need to devolve employment/skills policy to councils(?)	December	Member authorities Whitehall Press Opinion formers	Phillip Mind

LGA Policy: Housing	CLG select committee – short Inquiry into housing and the credit crunch	31 October	Whitehall MPs	Ruth Lucas
	Private rented sector review – making sure letting agents are properly regulated	22 nd October	Member authorities Whitehall Residential agents representative bodies	LACORs
	Guidance on mortgage options for councils to be able to advise people on their housing options	2 nd week of December	Member authorities Press	Ruth Lucas/London Councils
	Response to the new housing green paper on housing and worklessness	Spring	Member authorities Whitehall Press Opinion formers	Ruth Lucas/ Phillip Mind
	Housing Finance reform review with CLG and Treasury of HRA subsidy	Reports next Spring	Member authorities Whitehall Press Opinion formers	Ruth Lucas
	LGA publication on ‘local government ask’ for housing finance			
	Creating good practice guidance on local housing companies to allow councils to build council houses again	Report published 30 th October	Member authorities Whitehall Opinion formers	Ruth Lucas 4ps

IDeA	Survey of Chief Execs to discover practical evidence of economic downturn, and geographic differences	Survey sent out 10 November, published by end of November	Member authorities Whitehall Think tanks/opinion formers Press	Sara Williams Kamal Panchal David Pye
	Roundtable with RIEPs to discuss a sector-let response to the economic downturn – this will follow a substantial discussion at the 13 th November IAEN meeting which includes RIEPS.	November/December	RIEPS	Kamal Panchal
	Ensuring that planned programmes of work on economic development are proofed against economic downturn – e.g. diagnostic on achieving economic prosperity	Ongoing’ diagnostic launching in phases – December, then Feb/ March.	Member authorities	Sara Williams Kamal Panchal
	Likely to produce for good practice guidance and on-line support, building on from current LGA activity and activity already underway on planning and housing.	November onwards, but coincide with diagnostic above.	Member authorities	Sara Williams Sarah Richards Kamal Panchal
LACORS	Developing programme of work on pressures on regulatory services, building on Tavistock work – looking at cracking down on illegal trading, loan sharks and relationships with business	?		Ami Beeton
LGE	Need to achieve:	Union pay	Member authorities	Sarah

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An affordable pay deal for current 2008 period and 2009/10 • Continued progress on settling equal pay problems <p>Need to address council concerns about funding pensions</p> <p>Need to impress on Government that councils employ a significant part of local workforces so can have an economic effect (for example through developing apprenticeships)</p>	claim for 2009/10 was received on 4th November - current indications are that most councils plan to have completed equal pay reviews by end of financial year 2011/12.	Whitehall Regional Employers Press	Messenger/Jon Sutcliffe
LGA Press Team	Intensive press campaign to highlight the role of councils in responding to the slowdown	Now and ongoing	Press Member authorities	Nick Mann
LGA Finance Team	Programme of work to assess the impacts of the credit crunch and slowdown on councils finances and to support/lobby for councils	Now and ongoing	Member authorities Whitehall Press	Mark Luntley