

**Theme – Housing**

Priority & Lead	What we are looking to achieve	Outputs	Who	When
Housing Finance (Ruth Lucas)	Government acceptance of our position.	Regional seminars on dealing with the offer for officers.	RL and CIH	May 2010
	A reasonable deal that the sector can sign up to.	Member event on the offer.	RL/HG and CIH	June 2010
	Self financing pilots councils to be able to move to self financing for 2011	Analysis and negotiation on the offer.	RL and advisers	Mar–May 2010
	Establish a timetable for when all councils move to self financing	Preparing a sector response to the offer and negotiating the offer with Ministers & Civil Servants, both pre and post election.	RL and advisers	May 2010–03–19
	Ensure that the sector is able to effectively deal with the offer and make a decision.	Toolkit for officers in dealing with the offer.	RL	Summer 2010
	Agreeing proposals for pilot authorities.	Agreeing proposals for pilot authorities.	RL	May 2010
	Preparing handover for skills and capacity development to IDeA	Preparing handover for skills and capacity development to IDeA	RL	Spring 2010
Housing Regulation (Ruth Lucas)	Ensure that TSA regulatory framework in proportionate and sensible	Parliamentary debate	RL	April 2010 and ongoing
	Develop LGA position to incoming Government’s proposals for TSA	Respond to new proposals	RL	Summer 2010

<p>Private Rented Sector (Richard Tacagni)</p>	<p>Local Government continue to share best practice and maintain effective dialogue with landlord, tenant and agent representative groups</p> <p>Councils are better equipped to tackle the relicensing of HMOs</p> <p>Councils are better placed to use their enabling and enforcement powers to tackle energy efficiency and fuel poverty in the private rented sector</p> <p>Councils use their enforcement powers in a fair, balanced and consistent manner to better regulate the private rented sector</p>	<p>Continuation of LACORS national PSH policy forum and stakeholder groups</p> <p>Publish guidance on relicensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation</p> <p>Publish guidance on tackling ‘excess cold’</p> <p>Advice and assistance to local housing authorities, including best practice case studies and councillor briefings</p>	<p>JM/RHL</p> <p>RT/JM</p> <p>RT</p> <p>RT/RHL/JM</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Dec 2010</p> <p>Mar 2011</p> <p>Mar 2011</p>
<p>Funding for Council Development (Caroline Green<sup>1</sup>)</p>	<p>Councils get access to mainstream housing grant</p> <p>Councils retain all capital and revenue receipts from housing stock</p> <p>More flexibility for councils to borrow against their assets.</p> <p>A comprehensive assessment of the Local Authority New Build programme to identify the factors for success: skills, resources, partnerships.</p> <p>Disseminate to other local authorities the models for successfully developing</p>	<p>Position statement for new government post election</p> <p>CLG / LGA council building task force – findings report</p> <p>Council housing “brochure”</p> <p>Material on LHK</p> <p>Research into progress made by a range of local authorities: stock retaining/ALMO/ LSVT, general needs/special needs housing being developed, two tier/unitary, urban/rural. Publication and</p>	<p>CG / LS</p> <p>CLG / CG (LGA Lead)</p> <p>Press team lead</p> <p>LS</p> <p>HG</p>	<p>Autumn 2010</p> <p>Autumn 2010</p> <p>Autumn (Spending Review?)</p>

<sup>1</sup> In discussion with Local Partnerships

	affordable housing.	dissemination of findings. IDeA capacity building workshops.	HG	
Planning System and Housing, including funding (Caroline Green <sup>2</sup> )	Effective incentives to support housing supply  Simplified and more locally accountable process for plans and decisions with reduced scope for PINs to over-turn local decisions.  Retain funding support from planning through reform of HPDG.	Analysis / commentary on Cons Plg Green Paper  Position paper for new government on incentivising housing supply  Further details of new system of funding and incentives	CG / RR / POS  CG / RR / POS / SDCT  CG / RR / POS / SDCT	
Capability (Helen George <sup>3</sup> )	<u>Service Improvement Methods</u> To update the peer review and challenge service. To make the service more bespoke to the needs of individual local authorities. To market the service more intensely in order to achieve a higher take-up.  To guide local authorities in providing in-house corporate training for Elected Members.  <u>Raising Member Awareness – Rural</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approval of new Strategic Housing Benchmark to guide peer reviews and challenges.</li> <li>▪ Publication of case studies of CAA Housing Green flags</li> <li>▪ Completion of peer review of Mid-Devon District Council using the new strategic housing benchmark.</li> <li>▪ Discussion on new targeted and marketing approach to peer review and challenges with Improvement Services. Action plan then drawn up. Possible adaptation so that greater focus can be placed on a smaller range of services.</li> <li>▪ To produce guidance for local authorities on providing in-house training for elected members.</li> </ul>	All HG	

<sup>2</sup> In discussion with Helen and PAS

<sup>3</sup> To include relevant activities of PAS, LACORS and Local Partnerships, and the development of Local Housing Knowledge

	<p><u>Affordable Housing development</u>  Increase in knowledge of the beneficial impacts of rural affordable housing developments among elected members, promoting the level of positive planning decisions.</p> <p><u>Resident Involvement and Empowerment</u>  An increase in the ability of local authorities to engage and empower local communities to enable them to meet the requirements of the new strategic housing role. To ensure that housing strategies are more responsive to the needs and aspirations of local residents.</p> <p><u>Economic Recovery – the links between Housing and Worklessness</u>  Working to identify how housing can act as both a barrier and an enabler to accessing and sustaining employment, and publicising examples of good practice in how these barriers can be overcome. Confirm support for Resident Involvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research into a range of successful rural affordable housing projects and their wider beneficial impact. Production of document on barriers and examples of how they can be overcome. Research and disseminate successful examples from the Rural Masterplanning Fund winning projects.</li> <li>▪ Events for Elected Members on the benefits of rural affordable housing development.</li>   <li>▪ Confirm support for Resident Involvement Champions' Network (formerly IDeA Resident Involvement Beacons)</li> <li>▪ Devise a publicity and information dissemination programme.</li>   <li>▪ Young people – good practice examples of housing</li> </ul>		
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	<p>Champions' Network (formerly IDeA Resident Involvement Beacons)</p> <p><u>Total Place and Localism</u> An increased level of knowledge among local authority strategic housing teams of what Total Place is and its implications.</p>	<p>related good practice in reducing the possibility of a young person becoming a NEET.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identification of sectors of job growth across a range of local authorities and identification of the housing implications of that growth.</li> <li>▪ Obtaining examples of successful schemes from the Enhanced Housing Options service pilots.</li> <li>▪ Monitoring of progress of Total Place pilot in Durham.</li> </ul> <p><i>Further tasks to be defined.</i></p>		
<i>Joint Priorities</i>				
<p>Older People and Housing (Helen George<sup>4</sup>)</p>				
<p>Infrastructure planning and delivery incl. planning gain (Caroline Green<sup>5</sup>)</p>	<p>Secure Government investment in infrastructure (transport, housing, waste, etc) to support recovery and growth.</p> <p>Streamlined approach to investment –</p>	<p>Position paper for new Government including agreed LG principles for new models of planning gain.</p>	<p>CG / PDG With POS / SDCT advisors</p>	<p>May 2010</p>

<sup>4</sup> In discussion with Ruth and Alyson. This should be flagged as a joint project with the Community Well Being Programme

<sup>5</sup> In discussion with Piali. This should be flagged as a joint project with Finance and Economy

	<p>fewer funding streams and devolution of a “single capital pot” for local infrastructure.</p> <p>Increased flexibility for councils to develop local funding through a new model for planning gain and delivery (partnership) models.</p>	<p>Detailed proposals for new system of local tariff / planning gain.</p>		<p>Late Summer (?)</p>
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