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Programme Plan

Environment and Housing Programme Board						
Business Plan Outcome: Campaigning for greater local decision making in planning and housing powers. Ensuring councils are supported and effective in Energy and Climate, Waste, Flood Risk Management and other environmental issues.						
Project outcome Indicator - (benefit to sector)	Project	Project outputs (Could relate to policy, lobbying and/or improvement)	Timescales	Oct 2011 review red Amber green)	March 2012 review Red amber green	Comments on progress
1. Campaigning for greater local decision making in planning and housing through the Localism Bill, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and elsewhere.	NPPF	Lobbying, briefings, direct support on implementation	June – Nov 2011			
	Local plans.	Direct support to Councils through PAS.	May 2011 onwards			
	Promote economic growth	Mapping, research, case studies,	July onwards			

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	Neighbourhood planning	Parliamentary influencing work, working with front runners to develop sector led support through PAS.	May – Dec 2011			
	Gypsy and Traveller issues	Consultation response.	June – August 2011			
		Develop peer support programme	June – September 2011			
		Gypsy & Traveller support programme	September 2011- March 2014			
	Deregulation of planning, greater local flexibility	Development of a Local standards framework/ local	June— December 2011			

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		housing delivery group				
		Consultation responses and influencing work on handling of change of use.	March – December 2011			
		Influencing work to ensure a proportionate approach to the Planning guarantee	September – December 2011			
		Influencing work to develop a more effective approach to Town and Village Green issues.	September – December 2011			
	Strategic housing	Support programme for Councils on	September – March 2012			

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		leadership for strategic housing targeted at councillors				
	Private Rented Sector	Response to consultations, lobbying, support to councils to raise standards, support to LG Group Private Housing Sector network	July 2011 onwards			
	Social housing	Advice and good practice.	July – March 2012			
	Homelessness and rough sleeping	Roundtable, briefings, support for councils in using new powers	June – March 2012			
	Affordable rent	Work with partner organisations to				

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		understand the implications of the affordable rent model.	Until April 2012			
	Self Financing	Lobbying and influencing design of policy, briefings and communications, implementation.	September 2011 – March 2012			
	Support for councils to develop innovative delivery models	Good practice case studies, support and guidance. Making the case for LA new build, identifying new ways of funding and delivery.	July – Sept 2011			
	Social Housing regulation	Development of sector led approach with Homes and	June – March 2012			

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		Communities Agency.				
2. Ensuring a strategic role with adequate resources for councils to act on local energy security, carbon reduction and the low carbon economy	The Green Deal and Fuel Poverty	Conference, Lobbying, Officer and Member Networks, Government Forums, Capacity building for new statutory duty, Improvement work, including guidance	Until January 2014			
	Energy Bill	Lobbying, Roundtable discussions, Improvement work on new statutory duty.	January 2012			
	Financial incentives for	Lobbying, response to review	FITs – April 2012			

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	renewables (FITs & RHI)	and consultation, response to new legislation and finance mechanisms, improvement work.	RHI - April 2013			
	LG Group and DECC MOU	MOU Action Plan, New Nottingham Declaration and Board, Annual Report Council, Frameworks on Climate change, Lobbying, Performance Management.	For Review April 2012			
	Zero Carbon Homes	Zero Carbon Hub, Forums, information and improvement work.	March 2015			
	Carbon Reduction	Single data list lobbying, lobbying	March 2012			

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	Commitment (CRC)	and improvement work, guidance.				
	Large-scale renewables	Energy opportunity mapping with PAS Lobbying Improvement	March 2012 (on-going)			
3. Councils are supported in and better prepared for climate adaptation , including their new roles in flood risk management	Ensure councils are properly financed to undertake new FRM responsibilities, including SUD's funding	Lobbying, Joint panel with Defra, Guidance and Advice, Funding sources.	June 2011 onwards			
	Sector led improvement including SUDs implementation	Members guide to flood risk management Influencing Defra Capacity building programme.	Start summer 2011 to Mar 2012			
	Relationship management	National Flood partners and encouraging regional representation.	Ongoing			

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	<p>Investigating and identifying drought and adaptation issues</p> <p>Enabling Councils to improve local air quality with local solutions: watching brief with limited lobbying.</p>	<p>Work with EAP partners, research, information sharing.</p> <p>Limited partnership working, lobbying. Input into possible national framework on low emission zones (LEZs)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Late summer to March 12</p>			
<p>4. Powers and flexibility for councils to make local decisions on waste</p>	<p>Sector support bodies working well and effectively</p> <p>Appropriate enforcement</p>	<p>Relationship management. Agreed governance guidelines.</p> <p>Lobbying, communications,</p>	<p>July – Sept 2011</p> <p>June 2011 onwards</p>			

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	<p>powers in place</p> <p>EU lobbying programme</p>	<p>briefings, joint waste commitment, managing relations with external partners.</p> <p>Waste Simplification Review</p> <p>Extension of producer responsibility through Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment Directive recast</p> <p>No mandatory separate collection of biowaste – through EU proposals</p>				
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	Waste Crime	Sentencing council guidelines, data collection work with EA, specific lobbying following waste review (vehicle seizures and new civil sanction regime)				
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