

Programme Plan

Environment and Housing Programme Board						
<p><b>Key</b>  <b>Green</b> – output has been delivered and the required outcome achieved  <b>Amber</b> – output has been progressed but is not yet complete, or output is complete but the outcome hasn't been achieved yet  <b>Red</b> – output has been heavily delayed or the results of the output are unlikely to lead to the desired outcome, now or in the immediate future</p>						
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 <b>planning and housing</b> through the Localism Bill, the National	NPPF  Local plans.	Lobbying, briefings, direct support on implementation  Direct support to Councils through	June – Nov 2011  May 2011 onwards	Amber		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPPF consultation response submitted and evidence submitted to Select Committee Inquiry.</li> <li>Direct support via PAS to support councils get local plans in place ongoing.</li> </ul>

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Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and elsewhere.		PAS.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing discussion with government about the role of guidance.</li> <li>• Significant lobbying win on the need for appropriate transition arrangements. Ongoing discussion with government concerning a reasonable process for this.</li> </ul>
	Promote economic growth	Mapping, research, case studies,	July onwards	Amber		Lobbying through localism bill for a light touch approach to the duty to co-operate
	Neighbourhood planning	Parliamentary influencing work, working with front runners to develop sector led support through PAS.	May – Dec 2011	Amber		Amendments and lobbying throughout localism bill has influenced the shape of the neighbourhood planning proposals.  PAS direct support, events and publications on neighborhood planning ongoing including leadership centres and

						planning peer reviews.
	Gypsy and Traveller issues	Consultation response.	June – August 2011	Amber		Consultation response submitted, plus cross reference to NPPF.
		Develop peer support programme	June – September 2011	Amber		Phase 1 of Gypsy and Traveller Peer support programme successfully initiated
		Gypsy & Traveller support programme	September 2011- March 2014			
	Deregulation of planning, greater local flexibility	Local Housing Delivery Group (LHDG)	June— December 2011	Amber		Local Housing Delivery Group (LHDG). LGA, PAS and POS representation on Steering / Working Groups for Viability and Local Standards
						POS/LGA response submitted

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		Consultation responses and influencing work on handling of change of use.	March – December 2011	Amber		to CLG consultation on use classes. Evidence provided to CMS select committee regarding the use classes system.
		Influencing work to ensure a proportionate approach to the Planning guarantee	September – December 2011	Amber		LGA/POS response submitted to consultation.
		Influencing work to develop a more effective approach to Town and Village Green issues.	September – December 2011	Amber		Amendments put forward through the localism bill and debate stimulated. LGA/POS response to CLG consultation.
	Strategic housing	Support programme for Councils on leadership for strategic housing	September – March 2012	Amber		Members agreed a housing support programme at their last meeting and this is now being taken forward by officers.

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		targeted at councilors				
	Private Rented Sector	Response to consultations, lobbying, support to councils to raise standards, support to LG Group Private Housing Sector network	July 2011 onwards	Amber		Strong links established to PRS network.
	Social housing	Advice and good practice.	July – March 2012	Amber		Briefings commissioned as part of housing support offer
	Homelessness and rough sleeping	Roundtable, briefings, support for councils in using new powers	June – March 2012	Amber		Input into first Ministerial Working Group Report on Homelessness. Roundtable with councils and Housing Minister on a preventative approach to

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						homelessness.
	Affordable rent	Work with partner organisations to understand the implications of the affordable rent model.	Until April 2012	Amber		We are in early discussions with NHF regarding this area of work.
	Self Financing	Lobbying and influencing design of policy, briefings and communications, implementation.	September 2011 – March 2012	Amber		We have continued to influence policy and implementation through CLG working groups. Wrote to PM and lobbied through official channels on RTB issues; organized conference and councillor's guide for Dec 14 <sup>th</sup> . Working with CIPFA / CIH on a voluntary code of practice to develop self regulation approach; LGA response to consultation on asset disposal.

	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	Amber		LGA lobbied for a Select Committee into housing supply which is currently taking place. LGA has submitted written evidence to this committee Inquiry.
	Social Housing regulation	Development of sector led approach with Homes and Communities Agency.	June – March 2012	Amber		LGA response to CLG consultation on draft directions to the regulator. Continued discussions with TSA/HCA on the operation of the new model of social housing regulation and information sharing arrangements.

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2. Ensuring a strategic role with adequate resources for councils to act on <b>local energy security, carbon reduction</b> 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	Amber / Green		Conference going ahead on 29 November – fully booked 3 months early, role for councils in green deal established. Lobbying on ECO continuing
	Energy Bill	Lobbying, Roundtable discussions, Improvement work on new statutory duty.	January 2012	Green		Energy Bill is now the Energy Act 2011



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	Financial incentives for renewables (FITs & RHI)	Lobbying, response to review and consultation, response to new legislation and finance mechanisms, improvement work.	FITs – April 2012	Amber		Lobbying on to avoid 50kW limit introduction in August not successful.
			RHI - April 2013	Amber		New announcements on FITs reduction very serious for councils, no reference to community groups in consultation.
	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	Amber / Green		Consultation completed, special meeting held, on schedule for launch of new declaration in March 2012. Local Carbon Framework evaluation report finished.
	Zero Carbon Homes	Zero Carbon Hub, Forums,	March 2015	Amber		Continuing

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	Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC)	information and improvement work.  Single data list lobbying, lobbying and improvement work, guidance.	March 2012	Amber		Consultation on inclusion of schools and academies underway.
	Large-scale renewables	Energy opportunity mapping with PAS Lobbying Improvement	March 2012 (on-going)	Amber		PAS no longer has the resources to support this piece of work. LGA-led improvement work early 2012.
3. Councils are supported in and better prepared for <b>climate adaptation</b> , including their new roles in flood risk management	Ensure councils are properly financed to undertake new FRM responsibilities, including SUD's funding Sector led improvement including SUDs implementation	Lobbying, Joint panel with Defra, Guidance and Advice, Funding sources.  Members guide to flood risk management Influencing Defra Capacity building programme.	June 2011 onwards  Start summer 2011 to Mar 2012	Amber  Green		Discussion ongoing with Defra with regards to funding; planning a follow-up survey of councils to inform whether councils have been properly financed/ resourced.  Defra have agreed to include member support in their capacity building programme following meeting with LGA members.

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	Relationship management	National Flood partners and encouraging regional representation.	Ongoing	Amber		Discussions are advanced for additional Defra and EA support for new 'flooding' portal based on new LGA website.
	Investigating and identifying drought and adaptation issues	Work with EAP partners, research, information sharing.	Ongoing	Amber		Role of National Partners Group being reviewed – unlikely to continue in current guise. High level meeting between chair of EA and LGA chair has taken place in October
	Enabling Councils to improve local air quality with local solutions: watching brief with limited lobbying.	Limited partnership working, lobbying. Input into possible national framework on low emission zones (LEZs)	Late summer to March 12	Amber		LGA to support EA in its new national delivery role in supporting sectors on climate adaptation (e.g. extreme weather etc) – this includes a funded secondee from the EA into the LGA (from January 2012 to March 2013).
4. Powers and flexibility for	Sector support bodies working	Relationship management.	July – Sept 2011	Amber		Initial meetings carried out with IESE and WRAP and working

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councils to make local decisions on waste	well and effectively	Agreed governance guidelines.	June 2011 onwards	Amber		relationship established. Further meetings with senior officers and members to come
	Appropriate enforcement powers in place	Lobbying, communications, briefings, joint waste commitment, managing relations with external partners.				Response to Waste Review completed with headline success that government respect local government decision making on waste collection frequency
	EU lobbying programme	Waste Simplification Review				At the outset of compilation of evidence to support a lobbying position
		Extension of producer responsibility through Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment Directive recast		Amber		Lobbying has been ongoing via MEPs to seek full implementation of producers paying for kerbside collection of WEEE. At second reading stage in the European Parliament.

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	Waste Crime	<p>No mandatory separate collection of biowaste – through EU proposals</p> <p>Sentencing council guidelines, data collection work with EA, specific lobbying following waste review (vehicle seizures and new civil sanction regime)</p>		<p>Amber</p> <p>Amber</p> <p>Amber</p>		<p>Continuing to monitor the situation</p> <p>Ongoing work to compile sector feedback on sentencing.</p> <p>Publication planned for December on Waste Crime interventions.          Continuing engagement with Defra on actions from the Waste Review</p>
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