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<p>Elected members understand the housing reforms and are better equipped to consider their implications and the options available to them.</p>	<p>Free Housing and planning masterclasses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of housing and planning – challenges and opportunities 	<p>November 2012 – March 2013</p>	<p>These events will be delivered jointly with PAS. Involvement will also be sought from a range of partner organisations including HCA, CLG, CIH and others.</p>
	<p>Housing plenary session as part of LGA new members events series.</p>	<p>July 2012 – September 2012</p>	<p>Part of a larger series of events being delivered by the LGA for new elected members</p>
	<p>Resources pack for council members services teams</p>	<p>July 2012 and ongoing</p>	<p>This will consist of briefings, template presentations and reports for member services officers to use as part of internal training.</p>
<p>Elected members are supported to further develop key skills to support them in their work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage in appropriate housing growth (both new build and investing in existing properties) • Work in partnership across boundaries 	<p>A series of free half day themed masterclasses focusing on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attracting housing investment and working in partnership. - Welfare reform and housing - Working with housing providers in your area (partnership working with Housing Associations and working with the private rented sector) - Making use of existing stock (empty homes, Decent homes, retrofitting) - Housing numbers and evidence base – working in partnership 	<p>July 2012 – March 2013</p>	<p>Number and content of events may be rationalised. Views are sought on priority areas for focused events.</p>
	<p>Conference – Financing housing investment</p>	<p>December 2012</p>	<p>Part of LGA commercial</p>

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and with other landlords (including neighbouring councils, the private rented sector and Housing Associations). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate, lead and mediate in their discussions with residents and tenants on housing issues 			conference programme
	Conference – private rented sector and empty homes	February 2013	Part of LGA commercial conference programme
	Conference – planning for growth	February 2013	Part of LGA commercial conference programme
	Practice notes series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Housing Fuel poverty HMOs Homelessness Allocations Tenant scrutiny Empty Homes (via refreshed publication) (note this list may be rationalised)	September – February 2013	Number and content of practice notes may be rationalised. Views are sought on priority areas for focused events.
Councils have access to examples of innovative practice and are provided with tools to benchmark and assess their performance to drive improvement	Right to buy and housing finance advice note	August/September 2012	The note will profile approaches councils are taking towards the right to buy and broader investment models following the shift to self financing.
	Case studies to be collected under the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the private rented sector Empty Homes Investment and delivery models Approach to self financing Homelessness prevention services 	Ongoing	
	Support and template reports to allow councils to use LG inform to benchmark	Already on offer to councils will be further refined	

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Councils are provided with tools to support them to understand and meet local housing needs, mitigate risks and exploit opportunities.	Housing and planning peer reviews	Already on offer to councils	Planning peer reviews are subsidised by PAS.
	Social housing regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • checklist • worked examples 	December - April	This will include support for councillors to prepare to respond to the forthcoming democratic filter (April 2013)
	Facilitated action learning sets investigating barriers and opportunities to investing in housing in a range of scenarios (this is likely to involve delivering rural affordable housing, encouraging investment in areas of high and low land prices/demand). Development of series of advice notes based on discussions.		
	Housing needs assessment tool	TBC	Being developed currently in partnership with POS, Shelter, PAS and others
	Viability advice note	June 2012	Developed in partnership with development industry and others
	Mediation/Facilitated sessions support cross boundary working	TBC	To be delivered primarily through the Planning Advisory Service support offer around the duty to cooperate and strategic planning