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Planning		
Forcefully challenge government proposals to undermine local authorities' role in decision making regarding development and safeguarding their ability to negotiate affordable housing and infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media and parliamentary campaign against extension of permitted development rights for householder extensions, broadband infrastructure, offices, temporary use of shops and other buildings and schools. • Lobbying against proposals in the Growth and Infrastructure Bill to remove decisions from local authorities and extend the powers of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). • Defending flexibility and local determination against changes to the Community Infrastructure Levy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant media and parliamentary profile for councils' concerns and opposition to the extension of permitted development. • Amendments to the Growth and Infrastructure Bill including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time limiting the expansion of PINS powers to renegotiate affordable housing s106 agreement. ○ The criteria for designating councils for poor performance being subject to parliamentary approval. ○ Removing bureaucracy surrounding Local Development Orders. ○ Reform of the Town and Village Green system that will prevent the system being abused as a tool to prevent much needed development.
Presenting evidence that councils are getting their plans in place and planning positively for growth and through the Planning Advisory Service supporting councils to do that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and analysis of unimplemented planning permissions for residential development and councils' record on planning applications. • The Planning Advisory Service has provided direct support to 101 councils this year, in many cases to assist them in getting plans in place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA research on unimplemented planning permissions secured wide media coverage and evidenced our arguments against further reform to planning system. • Majority of councils expect to have published their local plan by the end of the year.
Seek to ensure that the review of Local Housing Standards does not result in national standards that constrain councils' ability to ensure quality of new homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input to CLG review process with Cllr Ed Turner representing LGA on the Review Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government proposals following the review due to be subject to consultation.
Presenting evidence to support the case for the decentralisation of planning fees and press for technical reforms which would remove unnecessary red tape.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented evidenced case for decentralisation of fees in our Spending Round submission. • Submitted response to Red Tape Challenge review of planning administration. • Developed proposals for simplification and streamlining tools for Local Development Orders, Compulsory Purchase Orders and an advice note to support early agreement of infrastructure contributions with applicants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government uprated planning fees by 15%. The LGA continues to press for deregulation of fee setting. • Secured improvements to the process for Local Development Orders through the Growth and Infrastructure Bill.

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Housing		
Evidenced based proposals for how councils could invest more in building affordable homes through removing borrowing restrictions and increased flexibility on the Right to Buy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed evidence of the potential of councils to develop new housing if borrowing restrictions were limited through 'Let's Get Building' publication. • Surveyed the city to develop an evidence base on the market reaction to an increase in borrowing to support council and ALMO led house-building. • Collated data on the impact of the reinvigorated right to buy over the first 12 months of implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured an increased media presence and wide ranging support for the removal of the HRA borrowing cap from partner organisations including Shelter, National Housing Federation, Chartered Institute of Housing, Federation of Master Builders, National Federation of Builders and House Builders Federation, along with parliamentarians. • Amendments tabled by Lord Best on behalf of the LGA during the Growth and Infrastructure Bill.
Evidenced based proposals for sustainable funding model for social and intermediate housing in the next spending review period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research in partnership with ARCH, CIH, CWAG and others on the implementation of self-financing to date (to be launched in the summer). • Joint work with the LGA Finance Panel to ensure the housing impacts of welfare reform are fed into the Panel's work on the cumulative impacts and costs for local authorities (to be launched in July). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work is linked with that of the Finance Panel to evidence the impact of welfare reform. • See update above on campaigning activity to secure the relaxation of the HRA borrowing cap.
Support to councils to develop long term business plans for councils housing stock; develop skills for innovative models of housing led growth, and the championing of good practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with CIH and CIPA to develop a series of good practice principles to underpin long term business planning and elected member oversight (to be launched in July). • Series of local authority round tables have informed the production of five practice notes providing advice and good practice on housing led growth, engagement with communities and the implementation of welfare reform (to be launched in July). • Case study library, knowledge hubs, practitioner networks and a range of conferences provide an opportunity to share good practice. 	A support package will be launched in July.

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Housing (continued)		
Monitoring the impact of welfare reform on homelessness, access to housing and local housing strategies and councils ability to invest in affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint work with the LGA Finance Panel to ensure that the housing impacts of welfare reform are fed into their work on the cumulative impacts and costs for local authorities (to be launched in July). 	Research report evidencing the cumulative impact of welfare reform to be launched in July 2013.
Waste		
A manifesto for waste management services and a clear set of proposals to ensure sustainable services and effective tackling of fly-tipping and other forms of nuisance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wealth from Waste – the LGA Local Waste Review identifying challenges and risks for future waste policy. Recommendations on maximising value and exploiting potential for growth. Directly contributing to a positive outcome in the waste Judicial Review The LGA as an Interested Party had significant input into and was represented at the court hearing Influencing the Materials Recovery Facility Code of Practice through high level meetings and consultation response to make the case for a better system of sorting recycling which will increase value to councils and tax payers, and safeguard the use of co-mingling by councils' whose circumstances require it. Spending Review submission on waste calling for landfill tax to be both capped at its 2014/15 level and redistributed back to councils to spend on waste and recycling infrastructure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive media Coverage for LGA positions and well received by waste sector. The outcome of the JR was recognition that EU law recognises the role of councils in determining whether separate collection of recyclables is practicable and necessary to meet quality standards, avoiding significant costs to councils. Outcome awaited later this summer Outcome awaited later in June
Presentation and dissemination of good practice models for councils on minimising costs, maximising revenue opportunities.	Case studies covering delivery of infrastructure, rewarding residents for recycling, achieving efficiencies and managing waste electrical products featured in the Waste Review	Case studies substantiated the Waste Review call for a Local Deal on waste demonstrated by the excellent work of councils already. The case studies will prove useful to councils to follow. Further work on good practice models is planned over the summer.

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Sustainability and Carbon Reduction		
Showcase and disseminate good practice on how councils are helping people to reduce energy costs and help people out of fuel poverty	Project with Energy UK to disseminate good practice on reaching residents, data-sharing, designing area-based schemes, and planning.	Work is expected to be completed over the summer.
Campaign for councils to have access to ECO brokerage to invest in energy efficiency and fuel poverty initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressed the case in our submission to the Spending Review on energy-related issues • Response to the DECC consultation on mandatory trading on the brokerage in April 2013. • Joint lobbying with the National Housing Federation through ECO Steering Committee. • Lead members raised the issue in their meetings with the Minister for Climate Change. 	DECC is reviewing the decision to restrict access to brokerage to Green Deal providers. No date for a final determination has yet been indicated.
Provide support to councils in developing business cases for the Green Deal and ECO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a toolkit to help councils work through their options for financing energy efficiency measures. 	Toolkit to be published in July.
Demonstrate how locally-led solutions are effective in addressing fuel poverty and develop proposals to inform delivery of the fuel poverty strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted evidence to the Energy and Climate Change Select Committee <i>Inquiry into energy prices, profits and poverty</i> in February. • Lead members presented recommendations on how DECC could support local action at their meeting with Greg Barker in May, which is being followed up with a detailed paper. 	DECC is expected to publish a new national strategy on fuel poverty shortly before recess.

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Flooding		
<p>Gather evidence on how well the new Partnership Funding model for flood defences is helping local priorities and to continue to press Defra for better models for allocating funding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collected evidence which highlighted improvements that could be made to maximise the value-for-money of different sources of funding to support flood defences. . • Shared evidence on 'Floods funding' at an EFRA Select Committee in February 2013. • Feeding into Defra's evaluation of the Partnership Funding model through a place on the steering group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evidence is limited so far as the Partnership Funding model is still in a relatively early stage. • Defra's review is expected to report to Ministers in September 2013.
<p>To apply pressure on Government and the insurance industry to deliver a new system of flood insurance and protect communities during the transition period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our media releases on the impact of 2012 floods asked for the Government and ABI to urgently find a resolution. • Inland Flood Risk Management Group shared concerns with and continued to apply pressure on Defra through Group meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance industry and Government extended the current agreement (Statement of Principles) to 31 July 2013 in order to allow more time for negotiation. • Government have indicated that the Water Bill is the likely legislative vehicle to carry forward any solution. • Defra have significantly increased the number of people working on finding a sustainable solution.
<p>Investigate other avenues which could help avoid a regular request of support from central government each time a major flooding incident causes infrastructure damage. To identify how owners of infrastructure and key assets, such as land, and those responsible for managing flood risk, can work better together to improve resilience of infrastructure and minimise the risk.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for Government to change the Bellwin Scheme to cover infrastructure damage. • The LGA have engaged with EA, Ofwat and Water UK to promote more resilient drainage infrastructure from joining up public and water company investment plans. • Proposed amendment to the Growth and Infrastructure Bill to encourage greater investment in water infrastructure. • Highlighting opportunities for councils to engage with water company business plans as part of the 2014 Price Review process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government confirmed that the scheme was not designed for longer term works or repairs as they fall under a recovery stage, and not the immediate emergency phase. • There is growing evidence of greater cooperation between local authorities, water companies and others in ensuring greater alignment of drainage infrastructure investment plans.

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Supporting promotion of good practice, intelligence and lessons in flood risk management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched a one-stop shop portal (www.local.gov.uk/floodportal) in June 2012 with the support of funding from Environment Agency and Defra. • Captured lessons learned from 2012 floods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'FlowNet' community has 1200 subscribers and is showing high levels of use and self-sufficiency. • Summary of lessons learned to be published in July
<p>Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) implementation</p> <p>Press Government for clarity on the introduction of SuDS legislation and on the long-term funding model for the maintenance of SuDS.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence presented to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Water in February 2013 • Push for resolution on charging and funding issues through representation on Defra working groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained clarity on timing of SUDs implementation which Government have stated will be April 2014 at the earliest and not in 2013 as originally indicated.
The Climate Local Programme		
<p>Showcase how councils are helping people to reduce energy costs and help people out of fuel poverty and use this evidence to lobby for locally-led initiatives rather than energy supplier-led initiatives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued push for more councils to sign up to Climate Local in order to increase value to other councils and strengthen evidence of council action. • Collected and recorded evidence of council actions on climate change that deliver positive local impact. • Provided evidence to support Board and wider LGA priorities. • Developed information and learning material for councils and elected members to in support of local actions on climate change. • Established a steering group of local authority officers, members from the Environment and Housing Board and officials from Government departments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70 local authorities have signed up to the Climate Local Commitment; 29 have submitted and shared details of their local actions. Membership of Climate Local Network has now reached 300 members. • An independent impact report summarising case studies from 20 councils was published and launched at a national conference in March 2013. • Case studies from the impact report have been used to support the LGA's work on growth and fuel poverty. • A set of information sheets and slide packs for elected members covering a range of local priorities had been published.