

Item 1, Appendix A

Safer Communities	
<p>Working in partnership in reducing crime, anti-social behavior and fear of crime, and also delivering improved performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December’s Policing White Paper rejected directly-elected crime and policing representatives on police authorities, and included a commitment from the Home Office to work with the LGA and WLGA (amongst others) on strengthening police authorities through new guidance and a new competency framework for the appointment of police authority members. • Home Office introduced the provisions in the Police and Justice Act 2006 allowing councils to scrutinize the activities of Community Safety Partnerships, and Councillor Calls for Action to be used for crime and disorder matters. • The recognition in the Safe and Confident Neighbourhoods Strategy that councillors should be an integral part of neighbourhood partnerships to reduce crime alongside neighbourhood policing teams. • Joint guide for councillors to tackling anti-social behaviour with the Home Office, and providing in-put to the Ministry of Justice guidance on the new duty on CSPs to reduce re-offending. • Promoted sector-led improvement through an exemplar programme of 12 sites, showcasing integration of neighbourhood policing and management • As part of the Home Office’s Operation Vigilance providing support to councils through community safety peer challenges and online communities of practice for those with an interest in community safety matters • Roll out of peer reviews for fire service operational assessment and a Fire and Rescue Service Leadership Academy for new chairs and portfolio holders • Leadership Academy for Community Safety portfolio holders • Supported the Total Place pilots
<p>Sharing effective practice on community cohesion and well-being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched new Community Cohesion “diagnostic” for councils to self-assess • An online community of practice for community cohesion

<p>Supporting councils with preparing to deal with large scale emergencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swine flu briefing event for members in July. Successfully lobbied for front line social care workers to be in first priority group for swine flu vaccine • As part of Salt Cell arrangements made sure that no council ran out of road salt during the severe weather between January and March • Proposals for a LGA Group civil emergencies strategy published
<p>Supporting councils with preventing violent extremism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the Prevent programme, the cohesion and resilience councillors network with over 600 members • Peer challenges and direct support to councils • Guide published for councils on managing the use of council facilities to prevent civic space being used to incite hatred and promote extremist views • Support to the “Cohesive and Resilient Communities” Beacon Councils
<p>Helping councils deliver good quality regulatory services to protect the local community, as well as supporting local businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having received views from over 100 councils in order to develop our response to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act consultation, the Home Office announced in November that in line with our lobbying councils would remain in the framework and that councillors should have an oversight role of these powers