Chief Executive’s Monthly Report – September 2016

**Purpose**

For discussion and direction.

**Summary**

The LGA business plan for 2015/16 centres on five priorities:

* Funding for local government
* Devolution
* Promoting Health and Wellbeing
* Economic growth, jobs and housing
* Sector-led improvement

The six-weekly Chief Executive’s report sets out the LGA’s main achievements against those priorities. In part two, the report summarises the LGA’s media outreach and provides an update of membership related activity.

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| **Recommendation**  That the LGA Leadership Board notes the Chief Executive’s report for September 2016.  **Action**  As directed by members. |

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**Achievements against our five priorities**

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| **Priority 1 – Funding for Local Government**   * 1. **Business Rates Retention Consultations -** the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) [published](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/self-sufficient-local-government-100-business-rates-retention) a formal consultation on further business rates retention and a call for evidence on needs and redistribution on 5 July. The LGA produced an [on-the-day briefing](http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/7783321/On+the+Day+Briefing+-+Summer+consultation+%281%29.pdf/2c192b2e-e3f4-447a-bf30-cdbdda58a3aa), and responses to the two documents will be discussed at September’s Leadership Board and Executive.      * 1. **Business Rates Retention Regional Events -** together with DCLG, the LGA ran six regional events in late August and early September for members and officers in local authorities on the DCLG’s consultation on further business rates retention and call for evidence on needs and redistribution.   2. **Resources Portfolio Forum -** held a successful event on 18 July for finance portfolio holders in member authorities on the business rates retention proposals. Portfolio lead members delivered presentations on the consultation proposals and attendees provided their views on the Government’s initial plans.   3. **Business Rates Retention Joint Working** – continued joint work with DCLG on the development of the policy. The LGA’s member Task and Finish Group met in July and on 8 September; the officer steering group met in July and September; and the Working Groups have continued to meet, including a one-day event for the steering group and all the working groups on 6 September.   4. **Check, Challenge, Appeal Draft Regulations –** in their consultation on the draft appeal regulations the Government has accepted the LGA’s argument for local authorities to be more involved in the appeal process, including a new right to receive information relating to, and the results of, challenges to business rates valuations from ratepayers.   5. **LGPS investment pooling factsheets** – published two factsheets, one for [LGPS members](http://lgpsregs.org/images/EmployeesGuides/QAPoolingmembers.pdf) and the other for [LGPS employers](http://lgpsregs.org/images/CommsResources/QAPoolingemployers.pdf), summarising the main impacts of the reforms underway to invest LGPS assets via a small number of regional pools.   6. **LGPS Fair Deal consultation** – submitted our response to the Government’s ‘Fair Deal’ consultation, supporting proposals to provide LGPS members with continued access to the scheme when they are compulsorily transferred out of their LGPS employer. |
| **Priority 2 – Devolution**   * 1. **Devolution support (events)** – held two well-attended workshops at the Annual Conference: ‘What next for combined authorities?’ and ‘Devolution deals: from design to delivery.’   2. **Devolution support (places)** – worked directly with Tees Valley CA, Greater Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to develop and deliver a tailored package of support. Established a Combined Authorities Chief Executives Network and began planning for initial meeting in September.   3. **Devolution support (research)** – finalised two pieces of research from New Economy – ‘Lessons learnt from devolution’ and an online tax and spend tool; continued to progress research from the New Economics Foundation into community engagement activity in combined authority areas; commissioned new research by the Centre for Public Scrutiny to explore social decision-making.   4. **RSA Inclusive Growth commission –** began initial development of a formal response to the Commission’s call for evidence and made preparations in advance of roundtable discussions at Party Conference Fringe.   5. **Leading Places project –** confirmed established partnerships in each of the six pilot areas, which are now making progress to identify a local priority challenge. |
| **Priority 3 – Promoting Health and Wellbeing**   * 1. **Olympic and Paralympic legacy** -- gathered new [case studies](http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/media-releases/-/journal_content/56/10180/7927165/NEWS) that show how councils have secured a sport and physical activity legacy for communities after the 2012 Games.   2. **New Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) data available** **from LG Inform** – identified and uploaded over 80 SEND data with Department of Education so that users can compare local authority performance against these metrics and create their own SEND report, choosing from this range of data. The SEND data items have been compiled into a new SEND report [here](http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/view/send-research/local-area-send-report?mod-group=AllSingleTierAndCountyLaInCountry_England&mod-area=E06000028).   3. **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)** - co-facilitated a workshop on tackling CSE in the licensed economy with the Home Office.   4. **Council survey on alcohol pre-loading** -- surveyed councils on the extent of pre-loading on alcohol as a local issue, at the request of the Lords Select Committee into the Licensing Act 2003.   5. **Licensing Annual Conference** - presented at the annual conference of the National Association of Licensing and Enforcement Officers.   6. **Licensing Act 2003** - responded to call for evidence from House of Lords Select Committee on Licensing Act 2003.   7. **Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT)** - supported second round negotiation meeting with government officials in relation to Newham’s Sustainable Communities Act proposal to reduce FOBT stakes to £2. |
| **Priority 4 – Economic Growth, Jobs and Housing**   * 1. **LG Inform report on workforce, earnings and housing statistics** -- [report](http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/view/lga-research/lga-research-report-local-government-workforce-and-earnings-surveys?mod-area=E10000020&mod-group=AllSingleTierAndDistrictLaInRegion_NorthWest) includes Local Government Workforce and Earnings Surveys metrics, e.g. on sickness, turnover and pay; house price reports capture the [gap between the lowest and highest median house price sale](http://porism.cmail19.com/t/t-l-hlijkyk-tddiutirk-z/) and [areas showing greatest signs of new housing development](http://porism.cmail19.com/t/t-l-hlijkyk-tddiutirk-v/). Login to LG Inform first to access these reports.   2. **Planning Advisory Service (PAS)** – engaged with 14 planning authorities at risk of intervention from government as a result of their performance in the speed of determination of planning applications; worked with local authorities and the Local Enterprise Partnership in East Anglia to facilitate an event on how to improve the planning service.   3. **Further education insolvency consultation** – responded to a Government consultation on the proposed introduction of an insolvency regime for further education colleges, highlighting the key pensions risks arising from the proposals.   4. **Taxi and PHV licensing functions** –provided feedback on draft Department of Transportation Taxi and PHV licensing functions;developed improvement package for councils on overseeing and delivering their Taxi & PHV licensing functions |
| **Priority 5 - Sector-led Improvement**   * 1. **Proposed arrangements for the sector-led body for independent appointing of auditors** -- The Government has approved Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) as the sector-led body for the independent appointment of auditors for principal local authorities. Nearly 270 councils and local bodies have expressed interest in opting in to the national scheme. PSAA is inviting views on its initial [proposed arrangements](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwODE5LjYyNzczNjcxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDgxOS42Mjc3MzY3MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODQ4MDgzJmVtYWlsaWQ9dmlja2kuZ29kZGFyZEBsb2NhbC5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPXZpY2tpLmdvZGRhcmRAbG9jYWwuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&114&&&http://www.psaa.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/PSAA-prospectus-July-2016.pdf).   2. **Our offer of support** – revised and refreshed our improvement support offer, which was set out in the attached [document](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwODA1LjYyMzI4OTAxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDgwNS42MjMyODkwMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODQ0OTM5JmVtYWlsaWQ9dmlja2kuZ29kZGFyZEBsb2NhbC5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPXZpY2tpLmdvZGRhcmRAbG9jYWwuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&108&&&http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/7632544/4.6+improvement+SLI+offer_05_web.pdf/0ae04bca-6363-4b8b-80e1-0542a279dbd2) for the LGA Annual Conference.   3. **Be a Councillor Campaign** – offered a new package to member councils, negotiated a package to be “sold” to a council, and produced a bespoke Be a Councillor package with Lancashire County Council available at [www.beacouncillor.co.uk/Lancashire](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwNzE5LjYxNzA0NDcxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDcxOS42MTcwNDQ3MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODQxMDczJmVtYWlsaWQ9dmlja2kuZ29kZGFyZEBsb2NhbC5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPXZpY2tpLmdvZGRhcmRAbG9jYWwuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&106&&&http://www.beacouncillor.co.uk/Lancashire).   4. **Highlighting Political Leadership Programme** – received bookings from a record number of councillors, and many trainings for politicians are fully booked; demand for Next Generation is sufficient to consider running two cohorts in the future.   5. **National Graduate Development Programme (NGDP)** – Cohort 17, made up of 96 graduates are starting their placements over Autumn; secured agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) that graduates on their Fast Stream programme will “secondment swap” with NGDP graduates.   6. **LGA data publishing and data standards eLearning modules for local government** – ran a series ofwebinars to support [these modules](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwODAzLjYyMjQ4MTkxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDgwMy42MjI0ODE5MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODQ0Mzk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9dmlja2kuZ29kZGFyZEBsb2NhbC5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPXZpY2tpLmdvZGRhcmRAbG9jYWwuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&112&&&http://about.esd.org.uk/news/data-publishing-and-data-standards-elearning-modules-local-government), which help local authorities to: publish data, improve data quality, use common standards, share data, combine and compare data.      * 1. **Social Value Self-Assessment Toolkit** -- members of the Productivity Team participated in The Social Value Best Practice Task Force and developed a social value self-assessment toolkit for public and private sector organisations to be launched on 13 September.   2. **Waste and Recycling Programme** -- launched an [evaluation](http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/49956/waste+-+Evaluation+of+the+Waste+and+Recycling+Programme/bdff1684-1971-4dbf-9b97-814bb9bc035e) of the LGA’s Waste and Recycling Programme, which supported 11 projects involving 60 councils across England to run projects intended to bring about efficiencies and savings to councils’ waste and recycling budgets.   3. **Datavores research programme with Nesta** -- [programme](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwODAzLjYyMjQ4MTkxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDgwMy42MjI0ODE5MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODQ0Mzk3JmVtYWlsaWQ9dmlja2kuZ29kZGFyZEBsb2NhbC5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPXZpY2tpLmdvZGRhcmRAbG9jYWwuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&113&&&http://www.nesta.org.uk/blog/introducing-local-datavores-research-programme) explores the role of data in local government innovation and transformation; showcased July [workshop](http://www.local.gov.uk/web/guest/local-government-research/-/journal_content/56/10180/7898178/ARTICLE) research findings and in-depth case studies where better data use and analytics has helped transform services, people’s and communities’ lives.   4. **Local Government Transparency Code consultation** -- [responded](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwNzE5LjYxNzA0NDcxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDcxOS42MTcwNDQ3MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODQxMDczJmVtYWlsaWQ9dmlja2kuZ29kZGFyZEBsb2NhbC5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPXZpY2tpLmdvZGRhcmRAbG9jYWwuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&107&&&http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/11655/local+transparency+-+LGA+response+strengthening+local+government+transparency+2016-07-08/a99c532d-342a-45f8-b676-56741c0210d2) in July to the Government’s consultation on extending the scope of the Code and changing how local authorities record details of their land and property assets, publish information about procurement, their contracts and the delivery of some of their services.   5. **Land Registry’s consultation on Local Land Charges Rules 2017** – developed our [response](http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/6211662/research+-+LLC+Rules+consultation+LGA+response+2016-07-11WEB.pdf/bef78a9a-1b11-4f7e-9866-3c70ddd3a48d), with local authority input, to Local Land Charges Rules 2017 that will regulate how originating (including local) authorities will supply data for inclusion in the new digitised central local land charges register.   6. **Local authority transformation work**-- brought together all transformation work and shared learning from across the sector in a new [micro site](http://local.gov.uk/transformation) to assist councils who are planning, undertaking or evaluating transformative approaches in their services or across the whole council; published a new [report](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTYwNzE5LjYxNzA0NDcxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE2MDcxOS42MTcwNDQ3MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODQxMDczJmVtYWlsaWQ9dmlja2kuZ29kZGFyZEBsb2NhbC5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPXZpY2tpLmdvZGRhcmRAbG9jYWwuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&128&&&http://www.localis.org.uk/research/local-authority-transformational-models/) conducted by Localis, on behalf of the LGA.   7. **Developing a data standard for online publishing of election results** -- worked with Cabinet Office, Electoral Commission, Association of Electoral Administrators to develop a [data standard for online publishing of elections results.](http://about.esd.org.uk/news/towards-common-standard-publishing-consistent-election-results)  This will speed and ease post-election analysis and encourage more innovation in data analytics and re-use along regional and national lines. |

**Other membership activity**

**LGA Membership**

1. Over the summer, Waverley Borough Council rescinded their notice, leaving six local authorities and National Parks England on notice to leave membership on 31st March 2017. Three local authorities remain out of membership.

**On notice to leave on 31 March 2017**

* + East Staffordshire Borough Council (rolled over)
  + Hartlepool Borough Council
  + Gosport Borough Council
  + Preston City Council (rolled over)
  + West Sussex County Council (rolled over)
  + London Borough of Richmond (rolled over)
  + National Parks England (corporate membership for 10 English National Parks)

**Out of membership**

* + London Borough of Bromley
  + London Borough of Wandsworth
  + London Borough of Barnet

**Membership visits for the Senior Management Team**:

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| **Chief Executive’s Membership Visits: 21st July – 14th September 2016** | |
| 22nd July | Sustainability and Transformation Plan event: Midlands and East Region |
| 25th July | Sustainability and Transformation Plan event: Midlands and East Region |
| 30th August | Sustainability and Transformation Plan event: STP Network |
| 5th September | Business Rates Roadshow Event, South Cambridgeshire District Council |
| 8th September | Member Peer Conference in Birmingham |
| **Forward plan: 15th September – 19th October 2016** | |
| 15th – 16th Sept | LGC Summit |
| 26th September | Combined Authority CEXs meeting in Birmingham |
| 29th September | DCN Annual Conference |
| 7th October | Wigan Council |
| 12th – 14th Oct | SOLACE Summit in Gateshead |
| 17th October | SWC CEXs meeting in Taunton |
| **Deputy Chief Executive’s Membership Visits: 21st July – 14th September 2016** | |
| 28th July | King’s Fund event |
| **Forward plan: 15th September – 19th October 2016** | |
| 16th September | East of England CEX meeting |
| 22nd September | Society of County Treasurers’ seminar |
| 27th September | East of England Health Integration Network event |
| 12th – 14th Oct | SOLACE Summit in Gateshead |
| **Associate Director's Membership Visits: 21st July – 14th September 2016** | |
| 22nd July | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| 25th – 26th July | Cornwall |
| 1st -- 2nd Sept | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| 9th Sept | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| **Forward plan: 15th September – 19th October 2016** | |
| 30th September | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| 11th October | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| 14th October | West Midlands Combined Authority |
| **Head of Workforce's Membership Visits: 21st July – 14th September 2016** | |
| 24th August | London Borough of Southwark |
| **Forward Plan: 15th September – 19th October 2016** | |
| 22nd September | Wychavon District Council |
| 3rd October | Southampton Council |
| 17th October | Cheltenham Borough Council |
| **Head of Policy's** **Membership Visits: 21st July – 14th September 2016** | |
| 15th August | Sefton Council; Halton Borough Council |
| 16th August | Wakefield Council |
| **Forward Plan: 15th September – 19th October 2016** | |
| 19th September | Event with regional migration leads |
| 20th September | Health Transformation Task Group with regional CEX leads |
| **Head of Improvement's Membership Visits: 21st July – 14th September 2016** | |
| 27th July | London Borough of Tower Hamlets |
| 29th July | Breckland District Council |
| 1st August | Lancashire County Council |
| **Forward Plan: 15th September – 19th October 2016** | |
| 6th October | London Councils |
| **Director of Communication’s Membership Visits: 21st July – 14th September 2016** | |
| 8th – 10th August | Cornwall Communications Review |
| 16th August | Breckland Council and South Holland District Councils |
| **Forward Plan: 15th September – 19th October 2016** | |
| 21st September | Waltham Forest |
| 29th September | Plymouth Council |
| 5th October | Breckland Council |
| 10th October | South Holland Communications Review |

**Media and Public Affairs**

1. The LGA submitted evidence to **3 parliamentary inquiries,** including written evidence to the Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry into adult social care, written evidence to the Transport Committee inquiry into the Bus Services Bill and written evidence to the Public Accounts Committee inquiry into the disposal of public land for new homes.

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| **Media Source** | **Issue** |
| **FT, BBC Online, Mirror Online, Express Online, i paper** | Chairman Lord Porter and Senior Vice Chair Cllr Nick Forbes’s calls for European Union (EU) development funding to be replaced by Westminster |
| **BBC Online, Guardian Online, Times Online** | Lord Porter’s response to the Government’s EU funding announcement. |
| **FT** | The LGA’s lines in response to actions by global rating agencies following the vote to leave the EU, which could affect the creditworthiness of councils. |
| **Guardian opinion** | Chairman Lord Porter’s statement that councillors have a vital role to play following the vote to leave the EU and his call for local areas to take more control of big decisions that affect day-to-day lives. |
| **Mirror, Guardian Online** | Chairman Lord Porter’s call for local government leaders to play a leading role in negotiating the UK’s exit from the EU – a call accepted by Communities Secretary Greg Clark in his speech to the LGA’s Annual Conference |
| **Times, Mail Online** | Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group Chairman Cllr David Simmonds’ comments about the need for sufficient government funding for councils to help them support Syrian refugees. |
| **Telegraph**, **Guardian Online** | Senior Vice-Chair Cllr Nick Forbes’s response to the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) Budget Survey 2016, which showed that the council tax social care precept will not bring in enough money to plug social care funding gaps. |
| **Guardian** | Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Cllr Izzi Seccombe’s response to research by Disability Rights UK showing more than 120 councils have absorbed Independent Living Fund money into their social care budgets. |
| **BBC Radio 4’s Today programme, BBC Radio 5 Live, LBC, BBC Online** | Chair of the Children and Young People Board Cllr Richard Watts’s call for academy budgets to be overseen by councils. |
| **Mail Online** | The LGA’s warnings about how almost a third of all eligible social housing tenants in London would be unable to afford the new tariffs under the “Pay to Stay” scheme. |
| **BBC Online, Independent Online, Sun, Metro, BBC Radio 4** | The LGA’s call for councils to be able to play a lead role in housebuilding. |
| **BBC Online, Mail, i paper** | The LGA’s press release urging the Government to reaffirm its commitment to a national minimum broadband speed or Universal Service Obligation (USO) for users. |
| **Telegraph** | The LGA’s previous warning that government is not meeting its pledge to deliver minimum broadband speeds. |
| **Mail** | The LGA’s recent research revealing 475,000 homes have been granted planning permission but are yet to be built. |
| **BBC Online** | The LGA’s affordable housing warning and calls for councils to be able to build more homes, following research showing a decline in home ownership across the country. |
| **Guardian** | The LGA’s forecast of a £2 billion hole in council finances by 2020. |
| **BBC Radio 4’s Today programme, Sky News, Guardian, Guardian Online, Sun, BBC, Mail Online, Sky News Online and LBC Online** | Senior Vice Chair Cllr Nick Forbes, Vice Chair Cllr Gerald Vernon Jackson, and Vice Chair Cllr Marianne Overton’s discussion of the LGA’s latest warning around Right to Buy. |
| **Good Morning Britain, BBC Radio 4’s Today programme, Telegraph, Mail, Sun, i paper, Mirror, Star, BBC Online.** | LGA Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming’s call for advertised broadband speeds to be more transparent in reflecting the average rather than the maximum speed which customers can receive. |
| **BBC Radio 4’s Today programme, Guardian, Mail, BBC Online, Sky News, LBC Online, BBC Radio 2 news bulletins.** | Senior Vice Chair Cllr Nick Forbes’s response to the Communities and Local Government (CLG) Committee’s report on homelessness. |
| **Sky News, BBC Breakfast**, **BBC Radio 5 Live** | Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming’s call for tough new powers to ease traffic chaos caused by some utility companies digging up roads. |
| **Mail**, **Guardian**, **Sun**, **Telegraph** | Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Cllr Izzi Seccombe’s response to new Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) figures showing a rise in alcohol-related hospital admissions. |
| **Guardian Online** | Former Health Secretary and Chair of the NHS Confederation Stephen Dorrell’s speech to the LGA’s Annual Conference. |
| **Guardian Online** | Community Welling Portfolio Holder Cllr Izzi Seccombe’s call for efforts to tackle mental health treatment for children to begin before birth. |
| **Guardian Online** | Children and Young People Board Chairman Cllr Roy Perry’s comments about how councils must play a more pivotal role in health and care integration. |
| **Guardian Online** | Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Cllr Izzi Seccombe’s response to a call by Diabetes UK for greater awareness of the risks of the condition and help to bring about wholesale changes in lifestyle. |
| **Telegraph Online** | The LGA’s warning for people to take health precautions ahead of an expected heatwave. |
| **BBC Radio 5 Live news bulletins, BBC Online, Times, i paper, Metro** | Cllr Izzi Seccombeissuing the LGA’s warning that government cuts to public health funding could curb councils’ efforts to tackle obesity. |
| **BBC Online**, **Mail Online** and **FT Online** | Community Wellbeing Board member Cllr Jonathan McShane providing the LGA’s reaction to the High Court ruling that NHS England has the power to commission the HIV treatment PrEP. |
| **BBC News**, **ITV News** | Community Wellbeing Board Vice Chair Cllr Richard Kemp’s response to the Government’s childhood obesity plan. |
| **Guardian Online, BBC Online** | Children and Young People Board Chairman Cllr Roy Perry’s response to the Ofsted Annual Report on Social Care. |
| **BBC Online, Independent Online** | Children and Young People Board Chairman Cllr Roy Perry’s response to new research, which showed that academy trusts are no better than local authorities at raising school standards. |
| **Sunday Times** | The LGA’s calls for a common-sense approach to school term time holidays. |
| **Guardian Online** | The LGA’s peer challenge tool, in relation to how key public services including local authorities are able to identify and turn around performance issues. |
| **Times** | Licensing spokesman Cllr Tony Page’s response to research revealing that rates of problem gambling are higher in areas with clusters of betting shops and calling for extra powers to be given to councils to tackle their proliferation. |
| **Mail, Sun, Mail Online, Express Online, BBC Online, ITV Online, i paper** | The LGA’s press release highlighting what councils are doing to tackle scams and rogue traders during National Scams Awareness Month. |
| **BBC Radio 4’s You and Yours** | Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Board Cllr Richard Watts speaking about the provision of holiday care for severely disabled children. |
| **BBC Victoria Derbyshire Show,** **LBC, Guardian, Mail Online, Telegraph Online, BBC Online, Sky News Online, ITV Online** | Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group Chairman Cllr David Simmonds on the LGA’s response to a Home Affairs Select Committee report about the role of councils in supporting Syrian refugees. |
| **Channel 4 News, Good Morning Britain, Sky News, BBC News, BBC Radio 5 Live,** **Al Jazeera** | Asylum, Refugee and Migration Task Group Chairman Cllr David Simmonds speaking about the LGA’s visit to the “jungle” migrant camp in Calais. |
| **Times, Telegraph, i paper, Mail, Sun, Mirror, Star, BBC Online, ITV Online** | The LGA’s release highlighting that blue badge thefts have trebled in three years with a resultant increase in prosecutions for using stolen or lost badges to park for free. |
| **BBC Breakfast, BBC Online, Times, Mail Online, i paper, Mirror, Sun, Express, Star** | The LGA’s press release warning of a rise in car clocking and calling for an EU ban on mileage correction services to be brought forward and adopted under UK law. |
| **Times** | Environment spokesman Cllr Peter Box’s call for the country’s leading coffee shop chains to develop a system for collecting and recycling paper cups. |
| **i paper, Sun** | The LGA’s survey of 16 English councils highlighting the sporting legacy they have created since the London 2012 Olympics. |
| **BBC Breakfast**, **BBC Online,** **BBC Radio 5 Live**, **LBC** | Safer and Stronger Communities Board Chair Cllr Simon Blackburn and LGA Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming on the LGA’s release highlighting the cost of clearing-up fly-tipping for councils and the excuses given by offenders. |
| **Express, Mail, Sun on Sunday, Express Online, Mirror Online** | The LGA’s release warning people about faulty appliances such as tumble dryers which are prone to exploding into flames. |
| **BBC’s Victoria Derbyshire Show, LBC, Mail**, **BBC Online**, **Sky News Online**, **ITV News Online**. | Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming, Vice Chair Cllr Marianne Overton, and Deputy Chair of the LGA's Safer and Stronger Communities Board Cllr Morris Bright highlighting the LGA’s release calling for tougher sentences for illegal tattooists. |
| **LBC, Express, Sun Online, Independent, Mail Online, Sky News Online, BBC Online** | Deputy Chairman Cllr Peter Fleming discussing the launch of new legislation to ban so-called “zombie knives”. |