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Chief Executive's Report – September 2018

Purpose

For discussion and direction.

Summary

The LGA business plan for 2018/19 centres on six external priorities:

- Britain's exit from the EU;
- Devolution and funding for local government;
- Inclusive growth, jobs and housing;
- Children, education and schools;
- Adult social care and health; and
- Supporting councils.

Part 1 of the six-weekly Chief Executive's report sets out the LGA's main achievements against those priorities. Part two focusses on our internal priority – *a single voice for local government* - including membership and our media outreach activities.

Recommendation

That the LGA Leadership Board notes the Chief Executive's report for September 2018.

Action

As directed by members.

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Achievements against our external priorities

Priority 1 – Britain's exit from the EU

- 1.1 **'No Deal' Papers:** over the summer, the Government announced that it was going to publish a series of technical papers providing advice on how we would deal with a "no deal" scenario. In advance of the release of these papers, the LGA published its own analysis of the headline issues for councils under a no deal scenario, which provides a baseline from which to assess the Government's no deal preparations. To date the government has published an overview of the UK government's preparations for a no deal scenario together with 24 guidance documents across a range of policy areas. The government is expected to publish a total of around 80 guidance notes by the end of September.
- 1.2 **Brexit Ministerial Local Government Delivery Board:** we continue to engage the Brexit Ministerial Local Government Delivery Board following the announcement by the Secretary of State, James Brokenshire MP, at our conference in July.
- 1.3 **EU Funding:** we submitted written evidence to the APPG on Post-Brexit funding inquiry in to replacing EU funding. Our evidence highlighted the importance of retaining and enhancing the devolution agreements with local areas that currently exist under EU funding arrangements, and the need for a continuity of funding once the UK exits the EU

Priority 2 – Devolution and funding for Local Government

- 2.1 Our work on **the Local government finance settlement technical consultation, spending review, business rates retention and fair funding review** are all covered by separate items on the agenda.
- 2.2 **Financial Resilience Index:** we have responded to the consultation from Cipfa on proposals to produce a financial resilience index, highlighting a number of concerns, in particular that such an index would be seen, incorrectly, as a "performance table" for councils even though this is not the intention.
- 2.3 **IFRS9:** For 2018/19 local authorities are due to implement International Financial Reporting Standard 9 (IFRS9) which deals with the valuation of certain investments in annual accounts. In response to a call from us and others in the sector, MHCLG have launched a consultation on potential mitigations to the introduction which would potentially save local authorities from having to make additional revenue provisions in their accounts.
- 2.4 **Fair Funding Review models:** we have published two modelling tools which focus on the main parts of the Government's Fair Funding Review. These models will provide member authorities with a set of tools to evaluate the impact of future proposals arising from the Fair Funding Review. We will also use these tools to help inform our policy discussions.
- 2.5 **Spending Review Briefing:** we briefed the Secretary of State on local government's priorities for the 2019 Spending Review.
- 2.6 **Improvement Support on Local Industrial Strategies:** we are developing an improvement support offer focused on Local Industrial Strategies and have engaged the Cities and Local Growth Unit in Government to support the development of this offer.
- 2.7 **Local Enterprise Partnerships:** the Government has now published the conclusion of the LEP Review and we published a response. The report includes a clear statement of intent to agree Local Industrial Strategies with all areas by early 2020, which is something we have been calling for. This will feed into the design of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. As part of a phased approach, the Government has

confirmed it will be inviting LEPs to submit proposals on geographies which best reflect real functional economic areas, remove overlaps and, where appropriate, propose wider changes such as mergers.

Priority 3 – Inclusive Growth, Jobs and Housing

- 3.1 Social Housing Green Paper:** in August, the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) announced the Social Housing Green Paper. In our media response, we said the green paper is a step towards delivering more social homes but it is only a small step, compared with the huge and immediate need for more genuinely affordable homes. The Government made a commitment, in the green paper, to take steps towards ensuring victims of domestic abuse retain their fixed term tenancies which may have been granted by the local authority. The Government intend to bring forward legislation to achieve this when parliamentary time allows.
- 3.2 Rough Sleeping Strategy:** in August, the Government announced the Rough Sleeping Strategy which outlines plans to help people who are sleeping rough now and to put in place the structures to end rough sleeping overall. In the Strategy, the Government indicated it would be working with partners to develop a new training package which focuses on identifying and supporting vulnerable groups, including victims of modern slavery and domestic abuse. The Strategy also includes some encouraging proposals that reflect the recommendations from the LGA-chaired Prevention Task and Finish Group, such as a renewed focus on the role of local homelessness strategies, and the piloting of ‘Somewhere Safe to Stay’ schemes for people at immediate risk of sleeping rough. Importantly, it emphasises the importance of targeted prevention, enabled by all parts of government coming together.
- 3.3 National Planning Policy Framework:** in a written ministerial statement, MHCLG have published the new National Planning Policy Framework. The Minister has restored "social rent" to the Government's definition of affordable housing, which is something we called for in our consultation response. The new framework means housebuilders would be able to ignore local plans if fewer than 75 per cent of those required by central government targets for 2020 are constructed. As we said in our response, which was reported widely across the media, this is hugely disappointing as the delivery test will punish communities for homes not built by developers. We continue to make the case that planning is not a barrier to housebuilding and we briefed our Vice Presidents
- 3.4 National register for revocations and refusals (NR3):** we have launched the new National Register of Taxi Licence Revocations and Refusals (NR3). The new register will allow licensing authorities to record details of where a hackney carriage or PHV drivers' licence has been refused or revoked, and allow licensing authorities to check new applicants against the register. This should help to prevent people found to be not fit and proper in one area from securing a licence somewhere else through deception and non-disclosure. Extensive guidance has been published by the LGA to support licensing authorities with the implementation of NR3. Access to the register is only available to members of the National Anti-Fraud Network (NAFN). Whilst over 90% of local authorities are already members of NAFN, those who are not are strongly advised to join in order to make use of NR3.
- 3.5 Serious violence:** we submitted written evidence to the Home Affairs Committee as part of their inquiry into serious violence. In our response, we highlighted the importance of investing in early intervention and prevention, as well as taking a multi-agency approach to tackling this important issue. Cllr Simon Blackburn raised this point at the previous Serious Violence Taskforce meeting. He also called for a greater focus on the impact of watching online pornography and violent online content can have on children and younger people, and how this affects their views of healthy relationships.
- 3.6 County Lines Conference:** Cllr Simon Blackburn co-chaired the LGA's conference on county lines - tackling criminal child exploitation. Attendees had the opportunity to hear from speakers from the Home Office, the National County Lines Coordination Centre, the Violence and Vulnerability Unit, the Children's Society and from councils who have been leading the way on this important issue. Cllr Blackburn continues to represent local government at the Government's County Lines Working Group.
- 3.7 Domestic abuse:** Cllr Simon Blackburn gave oral evidence to the Home Affairs Committee as part of their inquiry into domestic abuse. Cllr Blackburn referred to our LGA written evidence submission and

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highlighted the importance of taking a preventative approach to stop domestic abuse from occurring in the first place.

- 3.8 **National Oversight Group on Domestic Abuse:** Cllr Simon Blackburn attended a meeting of the National Oversight Group on Domestic Abuse. During the meeting, the Home Secretary Sajid Javid MP spoke about the importance of the forthcoming domestic abuse legislation and ensuring the Government delivered a comprehensive package of measures to tackle domestic abuse in all its forms.
- 3.9 **Home Office and MHCLG Funds:** ahead of summer recess, there were a number of Government funds announced by the Home Office and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government that are of interest to community safety teams. These included the Priorities for Domestic Abuse Fund, the Children Affected by Domestic Abuse Fund, the Early Intervention Youth Fund and the 'Move On' Fund. The Trusted Relationships Fund also announced the successful bids in August. The LGA requested an extension to the deadline for a number of these funds and MHCLG agreed to extend the priorities for domestic abuse fund deadline by ten days.
- 3.10 **Sustainable travel survey:** we have published a snapshot poll of councils in England with responsibilities for transport planning and passenger transport which revealed the overwhelming majority have introduced 20mph zones, provided secure cycle parking and/or changing facilities, promoted cycling or and/or walking to schools and included sustainable travel within their Health and Wellbeing Strategy. However, the survey reveals that the main barriers stopping councils from doing more to invest in sustainable travel were: lack of revenue funding; uncertainty over continued levels of funding; and, lack of capital funding.
- 3.11 **Clean air strategy:** we responded to the Government's Clean Air Plan which sets out a variety of different actions across a number of different public agencies. New activity required by the Plan will have to be resourced and local authorities are not in a position where they could take on the amount of activity envisioned in this strategy without either significant additional investment or by ceasing other equally vital environmental health protection work. Whilst we agree with the Government's ambition and the vital nature of the challenge, we need a strategy that is either realistic about the capacity of many public agencies to take on more work or identifies how new resources will be made available.
- 3.12 **Building Safety:** a number of construction companies will be working with MHCLG to be early adopters on building safety and a new Industry Safety Steering Group will hold industry to account for making cultural change happen. The LGA will be part of this work to consider options for a Joint Competent Authority and the stronger regulatory regime recommended by the Hackitt Review. We continue to promote the work of local government to ensure everyone is safe in the buildings they live, work and visit, including in our response to a report from the HCLG Committee on building regulations and fire safety.
- 3.13 **Rural Economy:** we submitted written evidence to the House of Lords Rural Economy Committee on the rural economy. Our evidence highlighted the work of our Post-Brexit England Commission, the evidence it has gathered from councils across our regions, and the Commission's interim report into non-metropolitan England.

Priority 4 – Children, education and schools

- 4.1 **Schools funding:** in a written ministerial statement, the Government confirmed details of school revenue funding for 2019/20 and planned updates to the national funding formula for schools. This also recognises the important role councils are playing in the implementation of the national funding formula by announcing the continuation of the 'soft formula' which allows councils to continue to set local funding formulae with local schools for a further year, in 2020/21.
- 4.2 **Children's social care:** the Government has published their response to two recent reports on fostering and children's social care. We are keen to work with the Department for Education to implement the recommendations in the report, so that every child can fulfil their potential. The latest data on children's social care shows that, in 2017/18, the proportion of council children's services rated

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good or outstanding has increased. As we said in our [response](#), councils have worked tirelessly to protect children's budgets but the increased demand and resource pressures are putting the system under strain.

- 4.3 **National Citizen Service:** we have produced [analysis](#) showing that 95 per cent of government spending on youth services is being spent on its National Citizen Service. This is despite only 12 per cent of eligible teens taking part in the four-week summer programme in 2016. Given the reductions that councils have been forced to make to youth services, we're calling on the Government to devolve some of the funding to councils to allow us to provide targeted support to a much wider group of young people locally all year round.
- 4.4 **Teachers' Pay Award 2018-19:** the Government has published its [response on the teachers' pay award for 2018-19](#). A key issue regarding the DfE response is we believe that for the first time a core recommendation on pay from the Review Body has been rejected. The National Employers Organisation for School Teachers (NEOST) has been invited to respond, as a statutory consultee and local authority leads have been contacted to feed into the response.
- 4.5 **In Parliament:** we briefed MPs ahead of a debate on children in need and a debate on the care crisis
- 4.6 **Children's Services Funding:** The [Observer](#) featured our warning on its front page that children's services are reaching a tipping point and urgent funds are required to address the problem, after councils in England had to spend £816 million more on children's social care than they had budgeted for. This was also referenced in newspaper reviews on the BBC News channel, Sky News and on BBC Radio 4.

Priority 5 – Adult Social Care and health

- 5.1 **ASC Green Paper:** we have published a green paper on adult social care, in response to the Government's decision to postpone the publication of its own green paper until the autumn. '[The lives we want to lead](#)' emphasises the contribution of adult social care and support to people's lives and the need for sustainable funding. It outlines the case for change, setting out a series of options to for changing the system for the better and a second set of options on how to pay for the changes.
- 5.2 Since launching our consultation on 31 July we have received over 200 responses from a range of organisations including service users, councils, charities, care providers and members of the public. We have also published facilitator's and communications packs to help councils and other organisations promote awareness of the consultation and support them organise their own consultative events. Copies can be downloaded from [our website](#). We have also published an 'easy read' version.
- 5.3 We have also established a Sounding Board – comprising senior academics, policy makers, commentators, representatives of professional bodies including ADASS, and people with lived experience – to advise the LGA on the consultation and help us interpret the messages. The consultation closes on 26 September and we will be publishing our response to it later in the autumn.
- 5.4 We will continue to push to keep this issue at the top of the political agenda, particularly as we head towards the party conference season, the publication of the Government's own green paper on adult social care and the Spending Review, all of which are expected in the autumn.
- 5.5 **Sleep-in payments to carers:** we intervened on behalf of councils in a Court of Appeal case where Mencap appealed a decision to force them to pay the minimum wage for sleep-in carers, including very significant back payments. We have always supported the payment of a fair wage for workers, but we wanted to set out the implications for social care and local government of a potential unfunded burden on top of already significant financial pressures on the adult social care sector. The Court of Appeal found in favour of Mencap back in July but the Claimant has begun appeal proceedings.

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- 5.6 **Mental Health and Loneliness:** we have published our 'Must knows' for councillors on [Mental Health](#) and [Loneliness](#) and Cllr Izzi Seccombe attended a discussion on rural loneliness hosted by DEFRA.
- 5.7 **National Strategy for Loneliness:** we have made a joint submission with ADASS and ADPH to the Office of Civil Society Consultation on a National Strategy for Loneliness. This can be found [here](#).
- 5.8 **Veterans' strategy:** we provided a submission to the Ministry of Defence on their Veterans strategy.
- 5.9 **Missing People:** we wrote to Anne Coffey MP chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Runaway and Missing children to respond to the APPG inquiry into safeguarding missing adults who have mental health issues. We agreed to speak with Missing People organisation to see how we could assist with the inquiry's recommendations.
- 5.10 **Autism Self-Assessment Framework (SAF):** in partnership with ADASS, we provided comments to the DHSC on the Autism Self-Assessment Framework (SAF). The DHSC plan to publish the SAF in September 2018. Councillor Jackie Meldrum attends the national Autism Strategy Board.
- 5.11 **Sexual Health Services:** Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Community Wellbeing Board Chairman, featured on the front page of the [Independent](#) and in the [Telegraph](#), [Guardian](#), [i paper](#), [Mail](#), [Mail Online](#), [Mirror](#), [Star](#), [BBC Online](#), [ITV Online](#) and [Huffington Post](#) with our new [analysis](#) which shows that record demand for sexual health services in England is putting the system under huge pressure and call for cuts to public health funding to be reversed. LGA Vice Chairman Cllr James Jamieson was also interviewed on BBC Radio 5 Live.

Priority 6 – Supporting Councils

- 6.1 **2018 National Procurement Strategy:** our [National Procurement Strategy](#) was launched at our annual conference. With the sector's £55 billion annual procurement spend and the range of service areas involved the strategy is designed to help councils get the most out of their procurement, so that the benefits can be fully realised for residents.
- 6.2 **Lessons from Carillion:** we continue to monitor local government's biggest suppliers and assess any implications for councils' contracts and contingency planning. In partnership with Oxfordshire County Council we have organised an event focussing on lessons learned following the collapse of Carillion early in 2018 and providing an opportunity to share information with colleagues, including other councils who were directly affected by the collapse. This takes place in London on 2 October and is free to attend – further details on [our website](#).
- 6.3 **Design in the Public Sector:** local authorities have been invited to apply to our joint programme with the Design Council, [Design in the Public Sector](#). This aims to help address complex public health challenges using the design process and methods. The programme is fully funded by the LGA and local authorities across the country are invited to apply by 21 September.
- 6.4 **Councillor workbook: engaging with young people:** we have launched this latest [workbook](#) as a learning aid for councillors who want to consider how to best engage with young people and organisations representing them within their ward.
- 6.5 **Commercial skills masterclasses for councillors:** following the fully booked 2017/18 pilot, the free 2018/19 Commercial Skills for Councillors Masterclass training dates have been [finalised](#). The masterclasses focus on the role of the councillor in commercialisation and is hosted by and LGA member peer and an experienced trainer with a commercial background.
- 6.6 **Modern slavery transparency statements:** we have created a [webpage](#) that will have links to guidance and support for councils wishing to submit a modern slavery transparency statement. There will also be a portal of almost 50 councils who have done so.

- 6.7 **Local government information sharing standards:** we are working with councils to review, overhaul and simplify the local government information sharing standards so they remain useful. This includes focusing on lists that people rely on, dropping ones that have not taken hold, and leaving dormant ones which were used in the past but have now outlived their purpose. The standards describe and organise council data, support open publishing and transparency, and generally link and make sense of huge data types and volumes managed by councils daily.
- 6.8 **Latest metrics from LG Inform, the LGA data benchmarking service:** we continually update LG Inform with revised metrics. The most recent ones include permanent and fixed period exclusions from schools, individual insolvencies by region and police recorded crime.
- 6.9 **Cyber security:** as part of the National Cyber Security Strategy, the LGA has won £1.5 million funding from the Cabinet Office to work with councils to ensure they are as resilient against cyber-attacks as possible. To ensure we use this effectively, working with the not-for-profit research organisation RAND Europe, we have sent a confidential online questionnaire to all councils in England to take stock of their current arrangements. The questionnaire is a pre-requisite for accessing funding (from the autumn) to improve councils' cyber resilience. All bar 5 councils completed the questionnaire by the deadline.
- 6.10 **ngdp:** the ngdp is now open for council registrations for Cohort 21: <https://www.local.gov.uk/national-graduate-development-programme/ngdp-information-for-councils>. We recommend early sign up from councils as this means that we can advertise the programme locally with the aim to attract candidates that are interested in your council before applications close. This year's recruitment cycle will be open to candidates from 17 September 2018 and close on 3 January 2019.
- 6.11 **UK Municipal Bonds Agency (UKMBA):** we continue to support the UKMBA in its aim to provide councils with low cost borrowing through access to the capital markets. We are encouraging councils to consider the Agency as an option for borrowing to increase the value of the first bond, which we hope will be issued by the end of the year.
- 6.12 **Local Government Mutual:** the new Local Government Mutual has undertaken a procurement process for mutual management services and the appointment of Local Government Mutual Management Services Limited concluded on 29 August 2018. Work now begins on developing an operating model in preparation to open for business in due course. We will continue to update Leadership Board as this project develops.

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Internal Priority – A single voice for local government

LGA Membership

7. The total number of councils on notice to leave the LGA on 31 March 2019 is six. These are:
 - East Staffordshire Borough Council
 - London Borough of Richmond
 - Leicestershire County Council
 - Lincolnshire County Council
 - Southend Borough Council
 - West Sussex County Council
8. The Broads Authority National Park are also on notice to leave the LGA on 31 March 2019 and Exmoor National Park have given notice for 31 March 2020.
9. Four councils remain out of membership – the London Boroughs of Bromley, Wandsworth and Barnet and Gosport Borough Council.
10. As a result of local government reorganisation, we have been informed by a further fifteen authorities that they wish to give notice to leave LGA membership on 31 March 2019 as these councils will cease to exist. These are:
 - Poole Borough Council
 - Bournemouth Borough Council
 - Christchurch Borough Council
 - North Dorset District Council
 - West Dorset District Council
 - Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
 - Purbeck District Council
 - East Dorset District Council
 - Dorset County Council
 - Forest Heath District Council
 - St Edmundsbury Borough Council
 - Suffolk Coastal District Council
 - Waveney District Council
 - West Somerset District Council
 - Taunton Deane Borough Council
11. We have been informed that their successor authorities intend to take up LGA membership on 1 April 2019.

New LGA Company

12. Further to the Special Resolution passed by the last meeting of the LGA company, revised Articles of Association have been lodged with Companies House and published on the LGA website, along with the revised Governance Framework. A meeting of the Company Board will follow this meeting at which a further 9 applications for membership will be considered. In the meantime preparations for the

transition to the new company are underway with a view to it becoming the main membership body from 1 April 2019.

Membership engagement by the Strategic Management Team

Chief Executive	
26 July	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
2 August	Chief Executive, Craven Council
4 September	One Public Estate Phase 7 Launch Event
6 September	Surrey County Council
6 September	District Councils Chief Executives
6 September	Chief Executive, London Councils
11 September	Chief Executives' Sounding Board
<i>Forward plan</i>	
12 September	Chief Executive, Liverpool City Council
17 September	Warwickshire Chief Executives
18 September	Chief Executive, Doncaster Council
19 September	Dorset Councils
21 September	East of England Chief Executives
24 September	Association of County Council Chief Executives
27 September	Chief Executive, Newham Council
3 October	Worcester City Council
4 October	Worcestershire County Council
5 October	South West Chief Executives
8-12 October	Coventry City Council, Corporate Peer Challenge
15 October	Waltham Forest Council
Deputy Chief Executive	
26 July	Health and Care call with Chief Executives
31 July	Welsh LGA
23 August	Chief Executive, Merton Council
6-7 September	Surrey County Council, Peer Review
Head of Improvement	
10 August	Chief Executive, Lancashire Council

Britain's Exit from the EU
LGA Deputy Chairman Cllr David Simmonds appeared live on Sky News' All Out Politics programme, responding to research into councils' Brexit impact assessments (Sky News, Talk Radio news bulletins, Metro, Express Online)
Devolution and funding for local government
EEHT Chairman Cllr Martin Tett interviewed on Sky News Radio, EEHT Vice Chair Cllr Judith Blake on BBC Radio 4's PM programme and Cllr Peter Fleming on LBC with call for 2p per litre of fuel duty to be reinvested to tackle £9.3 billion roads repair backlog (Talk Radio, TalkSport, Mail, Mirror, ITV Online, Sky News Online, LBC Online, Sun Online, Sun on Sunday).
LGA Vice Chair Cllr Marianne Overton was interviewed by Sky News Radio warning that a lack of revenue funding and uncertainty over current funding levels are main barriers to councils investing in sustainable travel.
LGA President Lord Kerslake was interviewed live on BBC Radio 4's World at One programme to discuss local government funding and the LGA's adult social care green paper.
LGA's polling showing that more than four in five MPs want extra funding to be found for adult social care (Sunday Telegraph)
£3.5 billion funding gap facing adult social care by 2025 warning (FT, Guardian, Sun)
Overall funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 (Guardian, Mail Online, BBC Radio 4's World at One, LBC, Sky News Online, LBC Online)
Call for further devolution of funding and powers to local level following Government's Civil Society Strategy (Times)
Nearly half of bus routes under threat due to funding cuts (Mirror)
LGA financial and operational support to UK Municipal Bonds Agency (FT)
Inclusive growth, jobs and housing
Cllr David Simmonds interviewed on BBC Newsnight in response to the Government's social housing green paper (BBC Radio 4's Today programme, FT, Telegraph, Guardian, Guardian Online, i paper, Independent, BBC Online, ITV Online, Huffington Post.)
Response to Government's Rough Sleeping Strategy (Times Online, BBC Online, Huffington Post, BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio 2, BBC local radio news bulletins)
Right to Buy concerns in the social housing green paper (FT, Mirror, Guardian Online)
Response to government announcement on supported housing (Independent)
Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (Telegraph, Guardian, Mail, Mirror Online, BBC Online)
Call for local housing allowance freeze to be lifted (Telegraph Online, Metro Online)
Residents outside cities struggling with slow broadband speeds (Telegraph)
One in seven private renters spend half their income on rent (Sun)
Children, education and schools
Children and Young People Board Chair Cllr Anntoinette Bramble interviewed on LBC about funding for Government's National Citizen Service to be devolved to local youth services (BBC Radio 4's Today programme, BBC Breakfast, BBC Victoria Derbyshire Show, BBC Radio 2, LBC, Independent, Guardian, Observer, Telegraph, i paper, Express Online, Mirror Online, BBC Online, BBC local radio news bulletins)
Vice Chair Cllr Marianne Overton interviewed by Sky News Radio, BBC Radio 5 Live and LBC about how nearly 123,000 children spent their summer holidays in temporary accommodation (Guardian, Independent, i paper, Mirror, Sun, Metro Online, BBC Radio 2 news bulletins)
England is facing a secondary school places "emergency" with more than 130,000 children at risk of missing a place over the next five years (BBC Radio 4's Today programme, Times,

Guardian, Independent, i paper, Mail, Mirror, ITV Online, Sky News Online, LBC Online, Huffington Post)
LGA's warning that children's services are reaching a tipping point and urgent funds are required to address the problem, as councils in England last year spent £816 million more on children's social care than budgeted (Observer front page)
The LGA's Bright Futures campaign, warning about £2 billion funding gap facing children's services (BBC News, BBC Radio 4's PM programme, Independent, Sun on Sunday, Guardian Online, BBC Online, ITV Online)
41 per cent increase in number of children and young people being treated for Type 2 diabetes, and urgent need to tackle childhood obesity (Express and Independent front pages, Times, Sun, Guardian, Telegraph, i paper, Star, BBC News Online, BBC Breakfast, BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 4's Today programme, ITV Online, Huffington Post, Sky News Online, Mirror, Mail Online, Metro Online, LBC)
Response to Children's Society research about number of boys and girls who have self-harmed in the past year (Mail, Mirror, Sun, Telegraph Online, Independent Online, ITV Online, BBC Breakfast, Good Morning Britain)
Adult social care and health
Community Wellbeing Board Chairman Cllr Izzi Seccombe interviewed on BBC Radio 4's Today and BBC Radio 5 Live's Drive programmes and LGA Deputy Chairman Cllr David Simmonds on BBC Victoria Derbyshire Show and BBC Radio 5 Live news bulletins about the launch of the LGA's adult social care green paper (BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 4, Express, Guardian Online, Telegraph, Times Red Box, Independent, Mail, Mirror, Sun, regional newspapers, BBC local radio news bulletins)
LGA Vice Chairman Cllr James Jamieson interviewed on BBC Radio 5 Live about how record demand for sexual health services in England is putting the system under huge pressure (BBC Radio 4, Sky News, LBC BBC Online, ITV Online, Guardian, Telegraph, Independent, Mail, Mirror, i paper, Sun, Star, Huffington Post, BBC local radio)
The LGA's adult social care green paper was referenced in an article about government considering social insurance scheme and launching a "Care ISA" to pay for social care (Sunday Telegraph, Times)
Resources Board Chair Cllr Richard Watts interviewed on BBC Victoria Derbyshire Show and featured on BBC Radio 5 Live bulletins, LGA Vice Chairman Cllr James Jamieson also on LBC and Sky News Radio bulletins in response to a study about how the number of people aged 85 and over needing 24 hour care is set to double by 2035 (Guardian, Independent, i paper, Telegraph Online, Mail Online, BBC Online, ITV Online, BBC Radio 2, BBC local radio news bulletins)
Response to Which? survey which found just over one in 10 adults over 55 have set aside money to cover the costs of any future care needs (Financial Times, Mail, Express, Mirror, ITV News,)
Councils forced to reduce access to day care centres for older people due to lack of funds (Sunday Telegraph)
Age UK report on adult social care (Express, Independent Online, Mail Online, ITV Online)
Cllr Marianne Overton interviewed on Sky News Radio and featured on LBC, Talk Radio and Talk Sport news bulletins, Cllr Peter Fleming also on Sky News about how councils are helping swimmers and residents to ensure they stay safe in and near water during the heatwave (Times, i paper, Independent Online, Mail Online, ITV Online, Sky News Online, LBC Online, Sky News bulletins)
Cllr Peter Fleming interviewed on BBC Victoria Derbyshire Show about councils' efforts to support vulnerable people during the heatwave and for the public to check up on vulnerable or elderly neighbours, family or friends (Independent, i paper, Telegraph Online, Mail Online, Sun Online, Mirror Online, Metro Online, ITV Online, Sky News Online, LBC Online,

Huffington Post)
Response to analysis by Diabetes UK, showing that less than half of people eligible for an NHS Health Check in the last five years have received one (Mail Online, ITV Online)
Supporting councils
Cllr Peter Fleming on BBC Breakfast, BBC News, Sky News, ITV News about the amount of unrecyclable plastic being used in packaging (Mail front page, Times, Sun, Telegraph, Guardian Online, Mirror, i paper, Independent, BBC Online, Sky News Online, LBC Online, Metro Online, Huffington Post, ITV Online, BBC Radio 1, BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC Radio 4's Today, Any Answers? and Forum programmes, CBBC Newsround, Channel 4 News, Channel 4 News Online, Channel 5 News, TalkRadio, TalkSport and LBC news bulletins.)
Cllr Michael Payne, LGA Deputy Chair, appeared live on the BBC Victoria Derbyshire Show to discuss council efforts to boost and support high streets.
Vice Chair Cllr Marianne Overton on BBC Radio 5 Live and Sky News Radio about how hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of counterfeit beauty products have been uncovered by trading standards officers and warning of the dangers of buying fake cosmetics (i paper, Mirror, Sun, BBC Online, Sky News Online, Mail Online, ITV Online, Huffington Post, BBC Breakfast, BBC Radio 4 news bulletins, BBC Radio 4's You & Yours programme, LBC, Talk Radio.
LGA's own polling that eight out of 10 people are happy with the way their local council collects their rubbish (Sunday Times, Mail, Express, Sun Online)
High Court ruling against special educational needs spending by Bristol City Council response (BBC Online, i paper)
Which? research on rise of unidentifiable faulty appliances causing fires in homes (Mail Online, ITV Online)
Councils fixing a pothole every 19 seconds (Express Online)