

## Work Programme Priorities: Local Government Finance Activity to Date

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Priority	Activity to date
<b>Local Taxation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secured the move to full retention of business rates. Lead Members of the Portfolio will sit on the member level steering group which will oversee the LGA's work on the move to full retention.</li> <li>Provided written evidence to the Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry on business rates retention. Cllr Kober also provided oral evidence.</li> <li>Produced submissions to the Government's reviews of business rates administration, securing reform to the appeal process and a commitment to explore a self-assessment approach to business rates billing.</li> <li>Sought legal advice on the NHS trust applications for charity business rates relief, supporting councils which received such applications with their response.</li> <li>Through the Spending Review and local government finance settlement, secured further flexibility on council tax for social care authorities to help fund social care and for district councils with low council tax levels.</li> <li>Submitted evidence to the independent review of council tax support led by Sir Eric Ollerenshaw.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Outlook</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated the LGA's on-the-day briefing on, and response to, the provisional 2016/17 local government finance settlement. This secured additional resources through transitional funding and a stop to negative revenue support grant until 2019/20.</li> <li>Held the LGA's annual local government finance conference, chaired by Cllr Kober. It was attended by more than 100 delegates with a subsequent 100% satisfaction rating.</li> <li>Coordinated the suite of LGA's Spending Review Submission reports, including support for a report on adult social care funding, and provided an on-the-day briefing as well as a media briefing session hosted by Cllr Taylor.</li> <li>Produced the LGA's Budget submission and on-the-day briefing.</li> <li>Responded to the Government's consultation on reforming the</li> </ul>

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	<p>New Homes Bonus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responded to the Government's consultation on the Independent Living Fund grant.</li> <li>• Launched the Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally strategy.</li> <li>• Responded to the Government's consultation on an updated formula for distributing the Public Health Grant.</li> <li>• In conjunction with Children and Young People, we have continued discussions with Department for Education (DfE) on the future of school funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Fiscal devolution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secured the move to full retention of business rates, including preparing the initial joint discussion papers published in partnership with the Government.</li> </ul>