

## POLICY BULLETIN - 5 November 2010

### FEATURE TOPIC: Local Growth White Paper

The Government's White Paper [Local growth: realising every place's potential](#) was published on 28 October 2010. The document sets out government's plans to create a fairer and more balanced economy that is driven by private sector growth, where all parts of the country benefit from sustainable economic growth.

The new Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) are seen as key to enabling local areas to take the lead in driving economic growth. The local growth White Paper details the first wave of [24 LEPs](#) - Leeds and Sheffield City Region LEPs were amongst those given the go ahead. Government now wants successful LEPs to move quickly to establish their boards, which are expected to be chaired by a prominent business leader. Business representatives are also expected to make up half of the members on the new LEP boards.

The White Paper confirms that LEPs will have to fund their own day-to-day running costs, though they can bid for funding from the £1.4bn [Regional Growth Fund](#) (RGF), indeed government expects LEPs to coordinate and assist bids to the fund in their area.

The RGF has been increased from the originally announced £1bn and is extended to three years. The fund is now open and the first round of bidding closes on 21 January 2011. A minimum bid threshold of £1m has been set, though a number of related smaller projects can be brought together in one bid. The threshold will be reviewed at the end of the first bidding round. Priority will be given to bids that 'bring significant private sector funds and ensure sustainable employment growth'. An Independent Advisory Panel chaired by Lord Heseltine will consider the bids and then make recommendations to Ministers on which ones to approve.

Other key announcements in the White Paper include:

- New 'right to build' powers to make it easier for local communities to deliver small-scale development;
- A New Homes Bonus scheme from 2011-12, which will match fund the additional council tax raised for new homes for six years. Government is to consult shortly on detailed proposals for the scheme;
- Local authorities, public and private bodies involved in planning to have a new statutory duty to cooperate (to be introduced through the Localism Bill);
- Reform of the business rates system to enable to councils to retain locally-raised business rates. Initial views are sought by 1 December 2010 ahead of a *Local Government Resource Review* in January 2011 to consider options and the implications for Tax Increment Financing;
- BIS' Technology Strategy Board to be main delivery body for supporting business innovation, along with a network of Technology and Innovation Centres. LEPs can make proposals in relation to other 'innovation infrastructure in which the RDAs had a financial stake, and will play a key role in advocacy and relationship functions';

- Local influence over decision making on the remainder of ERDF to be strengthened through greater representation on the Programme Monitoring Committees. New delivery structure for ERDF to be announced in next year's Budget (now confirmed as 23 March 2010);
- RDA assets - CLG to manage disposal of land and property; BIS to manage disposal of business and technology related assets. Assets to be disposed of together with associated liabilities wherever possible, with the aim of achieving 'the best possible outcome for the region consistent with achieving value for the public purse';

The LGA has also produced an [On the day briefing](#).

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## THEMATIC UPDATE

### Children, Young People and Families

#### **Building Schools for the Future**

NFER [report](#) examines attendance and attainment at BSF schools.

#### **Child poverty**

DfE publishes [second synthesis report](#) from the local evaluations of the local authority child poverty innovation pilots.

#### **Child Protection Review**

Professor Munro sets out [initial analysis](#) of the child protection system as part of the Review of Child Protection.

#### **Children's Trusts**

Ofsted [report](#) evaluates the impact of children's trusts arrangements on improving outcomes for children and young people in six local authorities.

#### **Early Years Foundation Stage**

DfE [paper](#) on the achievement of children in early years foundation stage profile is published.

#### **NEETs**

Audit Commission report [Against the odds](#) examines how LSPs can re-engage young people in education, employment or training.

#### **Right2BCared4**

DfE publishes [interim evaluation report](#) of the Right2BCared4 pilots.

#### **Safeguarding**

ADCS publishes [Phase 2 report](#) from its safeguarding pressures research project.

#### **School attendance and behaviour**

DfE publishes [research report](#) on the use of parental responsibility measures for school attendance and behaviour.

#### **Serious case reviews**

DfE publishes research reports on: [the methods of learning lessons nationally from serious case reviews](#) and [building on the learning from serious case reviews – two year analysis of child protection database notifications](#).

Ofsted publishes report [Learning lessons from serious case reviews: year 2](#)

### **Young people and community cohesion**

DfE publishes [research report](#) on young people and community cohesion.

## **Communities, Neighbourhoods and Social Inclusion**

### **Community Budgets**

Government announces 16 [Community Budget pilots](#) (including Bradford and Hull) to start in April 2011 with national roll out from 2013.

### **Community empowerment**

LG Improvement and Development publishes [guide](#) on integrating community engagement and service delivery.

### **Equality and human rights**

EHRC publishes its first triennial review [How fair is Britain?](#)

### **Local Budgets**

LGA white paper [Local budgets – Building the Big Society from the neighbourhood](#) up is published.

### **Migration and education**

Migrationwatch UK publishes [report](#) on the impact of migration on education.

### **Young people and community cohesion**

DfE publishes [research report](#) on young people and community cohesion.

### **Localism and older people**

Age UK produces [briefing](#) examining the Decentralisation and Localism Bill in relation to older people.

## **Culture, Sport and the Olympics**

### **2012 Olympics**

Nine areas (including North Yorkshire) to pilot [Olympic-style school sports competition](#).

### **Transfer of heritage assets**

English Heritage publishes [guidance note](#) on transfer of local authority heritage assets.

## **Democracy and Public Affairs**

### **2010 General Election**

Electoral Commission publishes [report](#) examining participation and administration data.

### **Citizenship**

Democratic Life [paper](#) calls for continued citizenship education.

DCLG publishes [analysis](#) from the Citizenship Survey April-June 2010.

DCLG has published a [consultation paper](#) setting out its intention to cancel the future Citizenship Survey. Responses are sought by 30 November 2010.

### **Local Authority publicity**

DCLG publishes [Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity](#).

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### **LG Group Transparency Programme**

LG Group publishes a number of [draft guides](#) for consultation as part of its transparency programme. The consultation has now closed but the draft guides are still available.

### **Public Bodies Review**

Government publishes [review](#) of public bodies.

### **Transfer of heritage assets**

English Heritage publishes [guidance note](#) on transfer of local authority heritage assets.

### **Voting system referendum**

Electoral Commission publishes [report](#) on the voting system referendum question.

## **The Economy**

### **Economic infrastructure**

Government publishes first [National Infrastructure Plan](#) setting out its vision for the future of UK economic infrastructure.

### **Technology and innovation opportunities**

New [report](#) published by Foresight, the Government's Futures think tank, examines scientific and technological areas that could transform the UK economy over the next 20 years.

## **Employment, Skills and Welfare**

### **Absence management**

CIPD publishes results of [annual absence management survey](#).

### **Apprenticeships**

Ofsted [report](#) examines examples of best practice from providers of apprenticeships in underperforming vocational areas.

### **Children's social care**

[Research report](#) on the children's social care workforce is published by the Children's Workforce Development Council.

### **Council jobs**

Taxpayers' Alliance publishes report [Council savings: unnecessary Jobs](#).

## **Health at work**

LGE report on [Health, Work and Well-being in Local Authorities](#) is published.

## **Higher Education funding**

Lord Browne publishes [report](#) from his review of higher education funding and student finance.

## **National minimum wage**

Government publishes [National Minimum Wage compliance report](#) for 2009/10 and forward look to 2010/11 and submits non-economic evidence [report](#) to the Low Pay Commission 2010.

## **Newly unemployed and Six Month Offer**

DWP publishes two research reports: [Evaluation of the Six Month Offer](#) and [Support for the Newly Employed and Six Month Offer evaluations](#).

## **Pensions**

Lord Hutton publishes [interim report](#) on public service pensions reform.

Government publishes its [response](#) to the call for evidence on raising the state pension age to 66.

## **Social impact of work**

DWP commissioned [working paper](#) examines methodologies for estimating and incorporating the wider social and economic impacts of work in cost-benefit analysis of employment programmes.

## **Tier 2 Points Based System**

UKBA publishes [revised policy guidance](#) for skilled workers.

## **Welfare**

JRF [paper](#) examines Working-age 'welfare' – who gets it, why and what it costs.

## **Worklessness**

Centre for Policy Studies publishes [More Producers Needed](#) report on worklessness.

## **The Environment**

### **Flooding**

LGID produces [flood risk management funding guide](#).

Defra announces [large-scale emergency flood exercise](#) to test national and regional responses.

### **Recycling**

DEFRA publishes UK packaging recycling [targets for 2011 and 2012](#) and [summary of responses](#) to the consultation on packaging policy held earlier this year.

### **Winter resilience**

[Final report](#) from the independent review of winter resilience is published.

## Europe

### European funding and place based budgets

LGA publishes report - [EU funds and place based budgets](#)

### EU Culture Programme

European Commission launches [consultation](#) on the future EU Programme for culture. The consultation runs until 12 December 2010.

## Fire

### FRS Bulletin

DCLG publishes [Fire and Rescue Service Bulletin](#) for November covering relevant developments over the past month.

### Spending Review

Bob Neill sends [letter](#) outlining the settlement for Fire and Rescue Authorities.

## Health and Social Care

### Adult Social Care

LGA publishes [discussion paper](#) on the future of adult social care.

### Children's social care

[Research report](#) on the children's social care workforce is published by the Children's Workforce Development Council.

### Health White Paper

LG Group submits [response](#) to the Health White Paper *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS*.

DH publishes two further consultations in the White Paper Equity and Excellence series - [Greater choice and control: a consultation on proposals](#) and [An Information Revolution: a consultation on proposals](#).

### Mental health services

The Care Quality Commission publishes its first [annual report](#) on mental health.

### People with learning disabilities

DH publishes ['Six Lives' progress report](#).

### Personal budgets

Audit Commission publishes [report](#) on the financial management of personal budgets.

## Housing and Regeneration

### Houses in Multiple Occupation

DCLG publishes [guidance](#) on the planning regulations and changes of use for dwellinghouses and HMOs, following changes to legislation in April and October 2010.

## **Local Housing Allowance**

DWP publishes [research report](#) on the early experiences of tenants and advisers of the Local Housing Allowance national rollout.

## **Legislation and Bills**

### **Mobile Homes Act 1983**

DCLG publishes [summary of responses](#) to the consultation on implementing the 1983 Act on local authority Gypsy and Traveller Sites.

## **Local Government Finance**

### **European funding**

LGA publishes [EU funds and place based budgets](#) report.

### **Formula grant**

LGA publishes [response](#) to the Formula Grant Distribution consultation.

### **Fraud**

Audit Commission publishes [Protecting the Public Purse: Fighting fraud against local government and local taxpayers](#) report.

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### **Personal budgets**

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### **Spending Review 2010**

On 20 October the [Spending Review 2010](#) report was published and George Osborne delivered his [speech](#) in Parliament. [Departmental Press Notices](#) and letters from [Eric Pickles](#) and [Grant Shapps](#) provide further detail on the cuts and impact on local authority budgets. A [letter](#) from Bob Neill sets out the settlement for Fire and Rescue Authorities. 16 [Community Budget pilots](#) were also announced (including Bradford and Hull) starting in April 2011 with national roll out from 2013.

## **Performance, Partnerships and Assessment**

### **Local Area Agreements**

Eric Pickles [statement](#) announces end to Local Area Agreements and the National Indicator Set.

## Planning

### Article 4 directions

DCLG publishes replacement [Appendix D](#) to *Circular 09/95: General Development Consolidation Order 1995*.

### Development Consent Orders

DCLG publishes [consultation paper](#) inviting views on proposed procedures for revoking or making changes to a Development Consent Order for a nationally significant infrastructure projects. The consultation closes on 24 December 2010.

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### Schools development

DCLG consults on [proposals](#) to make changes to the General Permitted Development Order. The deadline for responses is 10 December 2010.

### Street design

CABE produces report [Sight Line: Designing better streets for people with low vision](#).

## Police and Criminal Justice

### Anti-social behaviour

Ipsos MORI [report](#) commissioned by HMIC examines public attitudes towards anti-social behaviour and police response.

### Police governance

HMIC publishes [thematic report](#) on the effectiveness of police governance.

### Police pay and conditions

An [independent review](#) of police pay and conditions is announced. The review will report in two parts - in February 2011 on short term improvements to the service and in June 2011 on matters for longer-term reform.

## Rural and Coastal Issues

### Big Society

CRC publishes report on the [Economic conditions for organisations contributing to the big society in rural England](#).

### Children in the countryside

CRC [paper](#) examines the statistical picture of children and young people in rural England.

### Fuel poverty

CRC publishes [study](#) examines the real depth and impact of fuel poverty in rural areas.

## Transformational Government and Efficiencies

### Efficiency

Philip Green publishes [findings and recommendations](#) following his review into Government efficiency.

LGA publishes report [Delivering more for less II: transparency in action](#).

## Transport

### Transport schemes announcement

Transport Secretary gives green light to 24 [transport schemes](#) and announces £600m for further schemes.

## Voluntary and Community Sector

### Support for civil society organisations

Office for Civil Society launches [consultation paper](#) on how central government can best support frontline civil society organisations. Views are sought by 6 January 2011.

### Transfer of heritage assets

English Heritage publishes [guidance note](#) on transfer of local authority heritage assets.

## Other Publications

### DCLG Engagement Strategy

DCLG produces [engagement strategy](#) setting out how the department will meet engage with those who use its official statistics.

### ONS Work Programme

ONS consults stakeholders on its statistical work programme for the next four years. The [consultation](#) runs until 24 December 2010.

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## STATISTICAL UPDATE

### 2010 General Election

Electoral Commission: [UK General Election 2010 data](#).

### Children and Education

DfE: [Referrals, Assessments and Children with a Child Protection Plan Year Ending 31 March 2010](#);

[GCE/Applied GCE A/AS and Equivalent Examination Results in England, 2009/10 \(Provisional\)](#);

[Pupil absence figures Autumn 2009 and Spring 2010](#);

[Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Results in England 2009/10](#);

[GCSE and Equivalent Results in England 2009/10 \(Provisional\)](#);

[Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 year olds England](#).

### Communities and Population

HO: [Monthly asylum statistics for August 2010](#)

## **Crime and Criminal Justice**

HO: [Crime in England and Wales Quarterly Update to June 2010](#);  
[Drug Seizures in England and Wales for 2009/10](#);  
[Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes and stops & searches Great Britain 2009/10](#).  
MoJ: [Offender Management Statistics Quarterly Bulletin April to June 2010](#)

## **Environment**

DECC: [Fuel poverty statistics 2010](#);  
[UK Energy Sector Indicators 2010](#);  
[Energy production and consumption statistics up to end August 2010](#).  
DEFRA: [Municipal Waste Management Statistics 2009/10](#)

## **Finance**

DCLG: [Local Government Pension Scheme Funds for 2009-10](#);  
[Local authority capital expenditure and receipts England 2009-10](#);  
[Capital forecast and payments and receipts live tables](#).  
HMT: [Public Expenditure Outturn Update](#).

## **Housing, homelessness and planning**

DCLG: [Net supply of housing for England 2009/10](#);  
[English Housing Survey 2008-09 Household Report](#);  
[English Housing Stock Annual Report for 2008](#);  
[Affordable Housing Supply in England 2009-10](#);  
[Registered Social Landlord average weekly rents for England 2010](#);  
[Housing and Planning Key Facts – November 2010](#).

## **Transport**

DfT: [Congestion on inter-urban roads estimates August 2010](#);  
[Inter-urban Congestion Statistics: Year ending September 2010](#);  
[Congestion on local authority managed 'A' roads and in urban areas 2009/10](#);  
[Annual bus statistics 2009/10](#);  
[Port Employment and Accident Rates 2009/10](#);  
[Quarterly Road Traffic Estimates Q3 2010](#);  
[Reported Road Casualties in GB, Quarterly Provisional Estimates Q2 2010](#).

## **Work and Welfare**

DWP: [Jobcentre Plus Pathways to Work statistics October 2010](#);  
[Provider-led Pathways to Work statistics October 2010](#);  
[ESA Work Capability Assessment Statistical Release October 2010](#);  
[Housing benefit and council tax benefit Right Time Indicator for Q1 2010/11](#).

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This policy bulletin provides a round-up of key policy documents, announcements, publications and research relevant to the work of Local Government Yorkshire and Humber. It provides links to the source information for further consideration. We hope you find the information useful.

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