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1	Public Bodies Bill	<u>Cabinet Office (Section 2)</u> http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/414879/srp-cabinet-office.pdf	The Government is proposing to abolish "Quangos" and/or absorb into other bodies. Bill published Nov 2010, Non-statutory bodies by Jul 2011, statutory bodies by Jan 2012. Children's Commissioner for England, Government Office East, the Audit Commission and many others will be affected. Departments may have to renegotiate targets and regulations.	A response may be required - the list of quangos to be abolished will be released in November 2010 and has the potential to affect all services.	Mark Farmer, supported by Rebecca May	All Departments
2	Information and Communications Technology Project Review	<u>Cabinet Office (Section 3)</u> http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/414879/srp-cabinet-office.pdf	"Contactpoint" and ID cards abolished; other government projects to be identified for deletion during review. Review scheduled to finish March 2011. The Government have decided not to proceed with ContactPoint believing it to be an unacceptable infringement of civil liberties. They issued a notice to close the system down in the summer. Ministers have given an indication that there will be some form of database for		Director of Children and Young People supported by Alamin Mukith	Children and Learning

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			<p>vulnerable children in the future but there are as yet no details. ContactPoint was grant funded, the grant has now been withdrawn. We can only wait and see what happens.</p> <p>There are two staff employed within C&L department on contact point which may be at risk as a result of this proposal. There will also be some impact on Children and Learning.</p>			
3	Public Body Transparency	<p>Cabinet Office (Section 5) and CLG (Section 5)</p> <p>http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/414879/srp-cabinet-</p>	<p>Require all public bodies by January 2011 to publish online a) All items of Local Authority spending, contracts and tenders above £500 b) the job titles and salary details of all employees being paid more than senior civil service pay band 1 - which is about £58,200 pa</p> <p>Luton has already published (a) on</p>	<p>No response required.</p> <p>Must be implemented by January 2011</p>	Chris Addey (Corporate Procurement Manager) and Chris Goulding (Head of Human Resources) supported by	Human Resources and Procurement

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		office.pdf http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/srp-dclg.pdf	the procurement website.		Rebecca May	
4	White Paper on rebalancing business and economic opportunities between regions	Business, Innovation and Skills (Section 4) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/SRP-BIS.pdf	Rebalance the Economy – Ensure new businesses and economic opportunities are more evenly shared between regions and industries, supporting growth and a low carbon economy. We do not yet know what this will mean for Luton - the Council might be given additional responsibilities in supporting local businesses.	Not yet known what response will be required. White paper will be available September 2010.	Laura Church, Supported by Rebecca May	Corporate Director of E&R, Executive Portfolio holder for Regeneration (Cllr Roy Davis)
5	Localism Bill	Business, Innovation and Skills (Section 4) and CLG, Political Reform (Section 2) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Localism_Bill.pdf	Introduce Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), which will be responsible for regeneration in the area covered by the LEP and will be given access to the £1billion economic development fund. Could in the future be given powers over planning and transportation.	Full response will be required until bill is passed – likely to be November 2011. Localism Bill will require some	Local Enterprise Partnerships- Laura Church Localism bill: John Harper/Dean Stokes/Dave	All Departments Executive Overview and Scrutiny Board

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		mber10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/SRP-BIS.pdf http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/srp-dclg.pdf http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Political-Reform-SRP.pdf	<p>Luton is part of the South East Midlands LEP. http://www.southeastmidlands.org.uk/</p> <p>The localism Bill will also enable local resident, community and employee groups to be more involved in and to run some services or assets</p> <p>An incentive in the green paper is that local authorities and local people will be able to benefit from the tax revenue generated by new housing for a fixed period of time which will act as a local incentive to promote housing numbers.</p> <p>Proposals will be developed as to how communities can influence area wellbeing</p>	<p>radical changes in policy affecting most departments. Preparatory work should be done so that departments are ready to act on passing of the Bill.</p> <p>This should tie in closely with the neighbourhood governance work by Community Development and the Ward/Area forums/committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on proposed final Housing Revenue Account reform settlements for each local authority from 	Kempson/Pam Garraway, supported by Mark Farmer	

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				<p>November 2011 to January 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the draft direction to increase mobility among social housing tenants from January to April 2011 • Consultation on the proposal to implement the New Homes Bonus scheme from January to March 2011 <p>Councils will be invited to submit ideas as to how communities can influence area wellbeing in</p>		

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			<p>Allow Councils to return to Committee System, Give councillors the power to vote on large salary packages for senior council officers</p> <p>Create Local Housing Trusts, abolish HIPs, scrap "pay as you throw" rubbish schemes, develop options on the Housing Revenue Account</p> <p>Streamline and speed up planning system, replace Infrastructure Planning Commission with a democratically accountable system providing fast track planning for large projects, maintain SSSI & Greenbelt, create a new designation to protect areas of greenspace important to local communities</p> <p>Develop options and put in place measures to make better use of existing public buildings, land and capital investment in public building projects.</p> <p>Give residents the power to instigate local referendums on any local issue and to veto excessive council tax increases. Freeze Council Tax in England (April 2011) Provide for a veto to stop plans to impose supplementary business rates on firms if a majority of firms affected don't give consent (Nov 11)</p>	January 2011		
6	Consultation - Revised funding methods for further education	Business, Innovation and Skills (Section 8) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-	Consultations launched on revised funding methods for further education and the future direction of skills policy. This could have serious implications on funding for Adult Community Learning, although the impact on Luton is currently not known.	Response required by 14th October 2010.	Roger Cannon and Kathy Bocutt supported by Rebecca May	Executive Portfolio Holder for Regeneration (Cllr Roy Davis), Head of Regeneration (Laura Church) Economic

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		content/uploads/SRP-BIS.pdf	http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/fe-funding-consultation http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/skills-for-sustainable-growth-consultation			development and Job Creation Task and Finish Group
7	Open Source Planning	Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) - Section 3 http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/srp-dclg.pdf http://www.conservatives.com/News/News_stories/2010/02/New_home	The green paper proposes a complete overhaul of the planning system. Regional spatial strategies which provide housing targets for the plan making process have already been abandoned by the Secretary of State. The localism agenda implies more freedom for local communities to decide what should be in their local plan with less interference from the centre. The draft localism bill allows for local authorities and local people to benefit from the tax revenue generated by new housing. In the meantime the Joint Luton and (South) Central Planning Committee agreed a new draft Core strategy in	No response required until Localism bill introduced November 2010 National planning framework due in April 2012. Planning officers to read green paper and plan for any changes when it launches. Need to maintain awareness of development of	Chris Pagdin, supported by Rebecca May	Executive Portfolio Holders for Regeneration, Environment and Housing (Cllr Roy Davis, Cllr Dave Taylor, Cllr Waheed Akbar), Head of Regeneration (Laura Church) Developmental Control Committee

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		s and jobs th rough Open Source Planni ng.aspx	July which takes account of the localism agenda in general terms. It is intended to progress the Core strategy to adoption through the current planning system. There probably won't be time to get the other detailed documents through the system before the legislation comes into force, but we will review the situation once the draft legislation is published.	proposals to empower local communities to bring forward neighbourhood plans through a newly-formed neighbourhood forum		
8	Local Government Resource Review	Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) - Section 4 http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/srp-dclg.pdf	A wide ranging review of local government finance, not specifically focussed on the formula grant distribution. Potential impact on Luton is not yet known.	The review is between January 2011 and July 2012.	Dave Kempson, supported by Mark Farmer.	Chief Executive's Department, Finance Review Group

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9	Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity amended	Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) - Section 5 http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/srp-dclg.pdf	Amend Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity to stop unfair competition by local authority newspapers - due November 2010. This could affect the income that the council generates through publicity - it could also have implications for the Council's reputation. Communications has had initial conversations with the local press and they have indicated that they do not consider Lutonline to be a problem in competition with their papers.	It is not yet known if any responses are required. Communications will need to comply with the Code when it is relaunched.	Paul Bates, Supported by Mark Farmer	Communications
10	Review of Local Authority use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act	Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) - Section 5	Local Authority use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act reviewed to end inappropriate use by councils. This will affect the range of powers that the Council has to look into Fraud, Antisocial Behaviour etc.	No response required but information should be cascaded when the Review is complete in October 2010	Clive Tobin (RIPA Coordinator) Nicola Perry (SoLUTiONs Manager)	Colin Chick (E&R), Richard Stevens (Legal) Cllr Hazel Simmons (Legal Portfolio) Paul Taylor

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		http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/srp-dclg.pdf	<p>Tenancy Enforcement: It depends how much restriction they are planning to impose. We use RIPA when investigating allegations of anti social behaviour, the RIPA is used for covert and overt camera surveillance of a particular person/address or area. The information obtained could be crucial in evidence gathering for a case against a tenant/individual.</p> <p>Trading Standards: may have a significant impact on ability to conduct investigations into a range of trading malpractices- including sales of alcohol and other age related products to minors. Trading Standards will review the proposals and submit a response through their regional liaison group- EETSA</p>	The Surveillance Commissioner has not found any of the authorisations that have been made in Luton to have been inappropriate and his report following his review of our system and documentation was very good last time. He indicated that he had not found any cause for concern about how local authorities were using RIPA.		(Investigations Manager) Celia Robins
11	White Paper - Liberating the NHS	Department of Health (Section 3)	Full GP Commissioning in Place / PCTs Abolished (April 2013) - This will completely affect the way the	Response required by 10th October	Mark Farmer and Pam Garraway,	Children and Young People, Housing and

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		http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/DH-srps.pdf	Council has to interact with the NHS and new contacts will have to be formed, projects renegotiated etc. William Clapp has been appointed to respond to this.		supported by Bert Siong	Community Living, NHS, Savings and Developments Task & Finish Group, Executive
12	Consultations on energy strategies	<p>Department for Climate Change (section 2)</p> <p>http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/SRP-DECC-27-Jul_publish.pdf</p> <p>http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/consultations/open/open.aspx</p>	<p>There are ongoing consultations on DECC site.</p> <p>Of the current consultations none of them directly impact Luton.</p>	Yes - responses required ongoing	Donald Bowler supported by Climate Change Team	Colin Chick (E&R), Executive

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13	Individual Electoral Registration	Political Reform (Section 1) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Political-Reform-SRP.pdf	<p>Individual Registration will mean considerably more work for Electoral Services as each individual will have to register as opposed to each household.</p> <p>We have 138,000 individuals plus 10,000 homes without electors. We will want a response form each of them as opposed to 77,000 household currently. This will mean for the first year each elector will have to provide their Date of Birth, NI number and signature. The first 2 items will have to presumably manually input into the database and the signature scanned.</p> <p>We currently automatically process the majority of responses from electors each year, either from internet, SMS or telephone responses plus the no change forms we simply scan.</p>	<p>No immediate response required.</p> <p>Preparation will be undertaken for changes due in Nov 2011</p>	John Harper and Mick Ireland, supported by Mark Farmer	Electoral Services, Head of Democracy and Engagement and Executive

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			The amount of manual inputting will for the first year increase by between 300% and 400%. In following years it will drop back to an increase in manual inputting by almost 100% or doubling what we do now.			
14	Boundary Commissions Report	Political Reform (Section 1) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Political-Reform-SRP.pdf	<p>Boundary Commissions Report - referendum on Alternative Vote 5th May 2011 may have implications for ward and constituency boundaries.</p> <p>The review of the parliamentary boundaries will involve less work than in the past where we were required to make guesstimates of future population growth.</p> <p>We will however still have to provide a submission for the council based upon a local political steer. Luton will almost certainly have the boundaries of parliamentary constituencies changed, bringing in a larger area of Central</p>	<p>No immediate response required.</p> <p>Preparation will be undertaken for changes due in May 2011</p>	John Harper and Mick Ireland, supported by Mark Farmer	Electoral Services, Local Democracy, Executive

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			<p>Bedfordshire, because of the deletion of 50 seats in the new House of Commons.</p> <p>There will be parliamentary boundary reviews carried out every 5 years from now on instead of every 10 -12 years at present.</p>			
15	Welfare Reform	DWP (section 2) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/SRP-DWP.pdf	National incapacity benefit reassessment and migration to ESA or JSA (by April 2014), Lone parents capable of work are moved onto JSA when youngest child is 7 or over (Oct 2010) and school age (Jan 2012). Housing Benefit reforms implementation begins (April 2011). Could result in increased homelessness, rent and Council tax arrears, and a need for registered childminders locally.	<p>No immediate response required.</p> <p>Heads of affected services should prepare council response from Oct 2010 - April 2011</p>	Michael Carney (interim Head of Revenues and Benefits), Sarah Allen (Social Inclusion) supported by Rebecca May	Housing, Social Inclusion, Adult Health and Wellbeing, Environment and Regeneration
16	Police Reform and Social Responsibility	Home Office (Section 1) http://www.number10.gov.uk	Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill expected December 2010 - to consolidate antisocial behaviour tools and	SoLUTiONs has prepared a response to the Bill which was	Nicola Perry, supported by Angela Fraser	Housing, SoLUTiONs, Executive Portfolio Holder

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	y Bill	k/wp-content/uploads/homeoffice-srp.pdf	<p>powers to provide effective interventions for police, local authorities and social landlords. There may be new powers available for the Council to deal with antisocial tenants, and new ways for soLUTiONs to joint work with the Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New strategy to tackle drug misuse December 2010 • revised 'Prevent' strategy published January 2011 	<p>submitted on 20th September 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on proposals for anti-social behaviour powers and tools is due between January and April 2011 		(Cllr Waheed Akbar)
17	Default retirement / state pension age	<p>DWP (section 4) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/SRP-DWP.pdf </p>	Default retirement age phased out; publish conclusions on timing of increase in state pension age to 66 October 2010. This could have serious implications for the Council as an employer.	No immediate response required - Council HR to review implications on payroll and pension scheme	Chris Goulding supported by Alamin Mukith	Corporate HR, Admin Committee Head of Finance Head of Equalities
18	Overhaul Alcohol Licensing Act 2003	<p>Home Office (Section 1) http://www.number10.gov.uk </p>	Overhaul of the Licensing Act 2003 with regard to alcohol, entertainments and late night refreshments. Provisions to	The Council as a partner of the Community Safety Partnership has	Tony Ireland supported by Alamin Mukith	Licensing Drugs & Alcohol Task & Finish Group (Angela

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		k/wp-content/uploads/homeoffice-srp.pdf	strengthen local authority's powers in relation to reviews and appeals. To allow cost recovery from licence fees and a review of Temporary Event Notices and mandatory conditions. (expected early 2012)	responded to the consultation document. Deadline was the 8th September 2010 the service should be prepared for any amendments of the Act in early 2012		Fraser), SoLUTiONs Exec Portfolio Holder (Cllr Don Worthing)
19	Natural Environment White paper	DEFRA (Section 2) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/defra-srp.pdf	Publish Natural Environment White paper expected in April 2011, protecting wildlife and promoting green spaces and corridors. Planning may be affected by new rules.	Service to review implications once published	Laura Church supported by Alamin Mukith	Parks, Waste Management, Regeneration, Climate Change, Environmental Health
20	Second Education Bill introduced	Dept Education (Section 1) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/dfe-srps.pdf	Second Education Bill expected in November 2010. Council will have less control of "independent" schools and may have to alter some of the services which it provides.	Service to review implications once published	Craig Brewin, supported by Alamin Mukith	Geoff Headley (CYP), Catherine Schieber, Schools

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21	Child Poverty Strategy	DWP (section 3) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/SRP-DWP.pdf	Develop a partnership strategy to tackle family poverty which will impact on work of council and partners in this area	Consultation on Child Poverty Act guidance document is complete	Stephanie Cash, Sarah Allen lead officers but duty on LBC and local partners as detailed in Act guidance. Supported by Alamin Mukith	Local partners and citizens
22	Freedom of Information Act	Ministry of Justice (Section 5) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/justice-	Freedom of information Act will be amended to cover more organisations and support cross-government measures to provide greater transparency - expected November 2011. This may incur additional resources as the Council is asked to publish more information	Service to review implications once published	Rose Stipta (Freedom of Information Coordinator), supported by Alamin Mukith	Legal Services, Strategic Planning, Performance and Policy, Departmental Complaints Managers

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		srp.pdf	and has to respond to more queries. The council has seen an increase in such requests and it is possible an increase in complaints may follow.			
23	Equality Act 2010 Consultation	Equalities Office http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_bill.aspx	Providing new protection from discrimination to carers, breastfeeding mothers, disabled people, and victims of harassment. Applying the European definitions of discrimination.	Response required before 10 th November 2010 Equalities Unit is co-ordinating response.	Val Grant	Equalities, Cllr Joan Bailey, Cllr Mehmood Khan.
24	Consultation for SEN Green Paper	Department of Education http://www.education.gov.uk/news/news/sen-greenpaper	Ministers are considering a range of options, including how to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give parents a choice of educational settings that can meet their child's needs • transform funding for children with SEN and disabilities and their families, making the system more transparent and cost-effective while maintaining a high quality of service • prevent the unnecessary closure of special schools, 	Response required before 10 th October This is already in hand. Harriet Martin, manager of Educational Psychology and SEN Assessment is co-ordinating the response. Anne Futchter has spoken about it at DMT, having	Harriet Martin Supported by Alamin Mukith	Children and Learning

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			<p>and involve parents in any decisions about the future of special schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support young people with SEN and disabilities post-16 to help them succeed after education improve diagnosis and assessment to identify children with additional needs earlier. <p>Green Paper due for publication December 2010</p>	attended a round table meeting with Sarah Teather, Minister for Children and Families, on behalf of the Association of Directors of Children's Services.		
25	Commission on UK Bill of Human Rights	Ministry of Justice (Section 5) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/justice-srp.pdf	The Government intends to establish a Commission to investigate the possible creation of a UK Bill of Human Rights.	Once established the Commission will start work in 2011. It is not clear at present what is required of the council.	Val Grant supported by Alamin Mukith	Democratic Services

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26	Freedom Bill	Ministry of Justice (Section 5) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/justice-srp.pdf	The Government intends to introduce a Freedom Bill which will repeal unnecessary laws and excessive regulation that currently exist. Ideas were sought from the public via the 'Your Freedom' website during the summer. The Freedom Bill is expected to be passed in November 2011 but ideas picked up during the consultation may need other legislation passed or form part of other Bills. It is not currently possible to identify potential areas of impact on the Council until the laws that have been chosen to be repealed are published.	The 'Your freedom' website has now closed and not taking any further suggestions. Regarding the laws which will be repealed, each one will need to be evaluated once they are known.	Leads for laws or regulations identified to be repealed will be selected once they are known.	Depends upon the laws selected to be repealed through the Freedom Bill. This will need to be evaluated once the laws selected are published.
27	Reform of courts, tribunals and legal aid	Ministry of Justice (Section 3) http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/MOJ-FINAL-	The Government intends to reform the legal aid system to make it work more efficiently, while ensuring that we provide necessary support for those who need it most. This includes possible reform of family court services. It is anticipated that Children & Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on reform of family court services autumn/winter 2011 		

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		Business-Plan.pdf	may wish to have some input.			
28	New Homes Bonus – consultation	Department for Communities and Local Government http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housing-supply/new-homes-bonus/	The New Homes Bonus is a powerful new scheme that will provide the right incentive and rewards for councils and communities who wish to build new homes in their area. The Government is seeking local authorities views on the proposed scheme: http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1767788.pdf	Commences 12th November 2010 and ends on 24th December 2010	Forwarded to H&CL Performance Managers on 15/11/2010	
29	Review of Controlled Waste Regulations	DEFRA	This consultation invites views on DEFRA proposals to replace the Controlled Waste Regulations (1992) (CWR). Changes to the regulation may give the council the option to charge for the collection of “non-domestic” household waste. This doesn’t	Starts: 08/11/2010 Closes: 14/01/2011	Forwarded to E&R Performance Manager on 15/11/2010	

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			<p>apply to waste collected from domestic properties.</p> <p>http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/controlled-waste-regs/</p>			
30	Proposals for changes to planning application fees in England - consultation	<p>CLG</p> <p>http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1769286.pdf</p>	<p>Local authorities charge fees to process planning applications. These fees are set nationally. The proposed policy looks to handing over the charging of fees and how much to local authorities. This could provide Luton Borough Council with the opportunity to increase income generated via this channel. However, due consideration must be given to the negative consequences of increasing fees such as reluctance of businesses to expand their premises and generate local economical growth.</p>	<p>Starts: 15 November 2010</p> <p>Closes: 7 January 2011</p>	Forwarded to E&R Performance Manager on 16/11/2010	
31	Transparency in outcomes: a	<p>Department of Health</p> <p>http://www.dh.gov.uk</p>	The Government is seeking views regarding its proposals on a new performance framework for Adult	Closes 9 th February 2011	Send to H&CL Performance	

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	framework for adult social care	gov.uk/en/Consultations/Live/consultations/DH_121509	Social Care. Possible implications for the council are wide ranging and could include: new/other data to be collected and reported which focuses on outcomes (service user satisfaction) and quality of provision. Performance data will need to be made more accessible to the public under new transparency guidelines. And there may be a new assessment process carried out by the Care Quality Commission.		Managers on 18/11/2010	

Recently published key documents:

Name of document and date of publication	Brief Description	Where can a copy be accessed
Local growth: realising every place's potential: 28 th October 2010	A white paper on how the Government plans to rebalance the economy by helping the private sector to grow. It also details how the Government plans to give local communities the power to improve local economies. It includes case studies.	http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/bisc ore/regional/docs/l/cm7961-local-growth-white-paper.pdf
Local Government Group Transparency Programme Guides	The publication of these practitioners' guides offers concrete advice to councils on how they should follow the Local Public Data Panel's guidance in publishing their spending data. Relevant to policy 3 in table above.	http://lgtransparency.readandcomment.com/