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Sustainable Communities Act and Neighbourhood Management

1. PURPOSE

To enable Members to scrutinise the approach being taken in Peterborough towards the Sustainable Communities Act.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee are asked to scrutinise our approaches to the Sustainable Communities Act and neighbourhood management, and to comment on areas where improvement or alternative approaches may prove more impactful.

3. LINKS TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The ambition of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement is to deliver a bigger and better Peterborough, taking advantage of the inherent opportunities we have and at the same time tackling the challenges we face in order to deliver a higher quality of life for all. The Sustainable Communities Act and our approach to neighbourhood management are designed to support these principles.

4. BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Communities Act (SCA) became law on 27th October 2007. Its principle aim is to provide a process through which Local Authorities can require Central Government to assist it in promoting the sustainability of its communities at a local level. References to the promotion of 'sustainability' are references to encouraging the economic, social or environmental well-being of an authority's area or part of its area. This can include participation in civic and political activity. It is *envisaged* that Local Authorities will be able to use the Act to gain assistance and action from Central Government in the form of for example enabling powers, policy changes, more resources (including financial) and perhaps even new legislation.

There was a clearly defined prescribed process for submissions in 2009 which can be summarised as follows:

- Invitation by the Secretary of State for Local Authorities to submit 'proposals' as to how Central Government can assist in promoting Sustainable Communities – deadline for submission of 31st July 2009 for the first round
- Resolutions by Local Authorities to 'opt in' to the process if appropriate
- Formulation of proposals by Local Authorities through consultation and agreement with panels of representatives of local people ("Citizens Panels"). Councils can approach existing groups or assist with the formation of new groups. The Panel must include people from all sections of the community

- Submission of proposals to the Local Government Association (LGA)
- Consideration of proposals by the LGA who are responsible for selecting or short-listing which will be taken forward for negotiation with Central Government
- Publication by Central Government of proposals that it will be taking forward as well as giving reasons for rejecting others

At time of writing the process and timescales for 2010 have not yet been announced.

Whilst it is still not clear what will be 'selected' by Central Government to be taken forward, the following have been given as examples of what could be proposed:

- That government change the planning system so that developers can not appeal to central government to overturn a local planning decision
- That government reduce the restrictions on councils regarding how they spend granted money so that they can choose to spend it on locally decided priorities, e.g. Post Offices and other public services provision
- That government give councils the power to retain revenue from business rates to be spent on locally decided priorities
- That government give councils the power to levy non domestic rates on the car parking spaces of out of town superstores, and that the revenue be held locally by councils and spent on locally decided priorities
- That government give councils the power to use the planning system to stop developers from demolishing public services (for example public houses) that they own so that they can then apply for planning permission to develop the site
- That government give councils the power (e.g. via the planning system or via penal council tax) to reduce the growth in second homes, thus making more local housing available for permanent residents
- That government give councils the power to create a separate fund for the revenue raised from council tax on second homes to be used for reinvestment in local affordable housing needs
- That government give councils the power and resources to refurbish existing housing in the council's area to reduce its environmental impact (e.g. by fitting insulation)
- That government allow councils to keep all the rent collected on council properties to be spent on improving council housing, reducing those houses environmental impact and investing in new affordable housing
- That government give councils new powers to allow the increase of local allotment provision
- That government give councils the power and resources to increase local recycling and/or the amount of recycling that is processed locally
- That government give councils the power to decide how to spend central agency money (e.g. Business Link money) already being spent in the area
- That government give councils the power to enforce congestion charging
- That government give councils the power to ban single occupancy cars from certain routes at certain times
- That government give councils greater powers over local bus company operators
- That government give councils the power to designate land for 'self build' and for community land trusts.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 Peterborough City Council's Response

The Sustainable Communities Act has the potential to strengthen the role of communities in decision making and service design. We need to respond to and prepare ourselves for this policy change, but also to create a Peterborough which is vibrant, sustainable and economically active with communities that are not amongst the most deprived regionally and nationally.

To help us achieve this, Peterborough City Council is leading the development of a Neighbourhood Management approach to service delivery, design and development. This will ensure that (i) the current issues affecting our communities are dealt with more effectively and more swiftly, and (ii) medium to longer term community planning is more effective leading to real transformation and regeneration.

As part of the neighbourhood management framework, seven Neighbourhood Councils have been formed as part of the Council's decision making processes.

The principles of Neighbourhood Management have been well tested, locally through the work of the Greater Dogsthorpe Partnership, and nationally through a series of funded neighbourhood management programmes in the most deprived communities. Key points to note include the following:

- For the purposes of neighbourhood management, three neighbourhood management areas have been established in Peterborough, each with a designated Neighbourhood Manager
- Within these three areas, seven Neighbourhood Councils have been formed, and these will be the main focus of local engagement, supplemented by a diverse range of other community engagement and planning activity
- Local Neighbourhood Delivery Teams, comprising staff from a range of organisations and sectors, will be organised to support service design and delivery, co-ordinated by the recognised Neighbourhood Manager
- Where issues cannot be resolved locally by Neighbourhood Delivery Teams, and to ensure that regional and national policy and local intelligence is fed down to localities, a Peterborough-wide Joint Delivery Group of senior officers has been formed. They will have the authority to delegate resources, amend service delivery mechanisms and invest resources where appropriate

At the core of the neighbourhood management approach is the intention of providing a holistic and localised approach to tackling neighbourhood issues. This is also the core intention of the SCA. It is anticipated that the neighbourhood management model will provide a response to the majority of issues that face our communities and will be hugely supportive of the role of elected Members. The framework will also provide an appropriate response to the requirements of the Sustainable Communities Act and the requirement to engage through formal partnerships to determine priorities for submission to Government. As such, it is intended that Neighbourhood Councils will, for the purposes of the SCA, be the required 'Citizens Panels' and the vehicle through which future proposals will be formed. However, not only will the model facilitate potential for submitting proposals it will also enable resolution of other issues which fall outside the remit of the SCA.

Once fully implemented, the Neighbourhood Management approach will provide an appropriate structure through which Peterborough City Council can put forward appropriate proposals as and when they emerge through consultation with the Neighbourhood Councils. It is envisaged therefore that in appropriate circumstances proposals could be forthcoming for the 2010 invitation period.

5.2 Examples of Submissions Made by Other Local Authorities

Attached at Appendix 1 is a summary of all submissions made by local authorities by the 31st July 2009 deadline. These are currently being considered by Central Government.

6. IMPLICATIONS

The Sustainable Communities Act has the potential to contribute to the sustained regeneration of our communities, and to support our neighbourhood management model. Peterborough is well placed to prepare for and submit proposals for 2010 if the invitation to do so is forthcoming from Government.

7. CONSULTATION

Extensive consultation took place to develop and agree the neighbourhood management model for Peterborough.

8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

It is anticipated that Members will become more familiar with the concepts of the Sustainable Communities Act, provide challenge to the process developed, and offer suggestions for alternative measures.

9. NEXT STEPS

Following discussions at the Scrutiny Committee, any comments and recommendations will be taken forward as part of the ongoing development of the neighbourhood management model. A full report on Neighbourhood Councils is scheduled to come to a later Scrutiny Committee.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Examples of submissions made by other Local Authorities

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Lead authority Name	Authority Type	One line summary	Proposal theme
Adur District	District	Increased local democratic decision making and accountability, local representation on NHS trusts and quangos.	Democratic renewal
Adur District	District	Reform the Housing Revenue Account in particular the ability to retain 100% of rent received from council housing.	Housing
Adur District	District	South Downs National Park delegation of Planning Powers to Local Authorities	Planning
Ashford Borough Council	District	The proposal is for the transfer of some of the development control (planning) powers relating to the determining of planning applications for community building projects (such as school, libraries and youth centres) and residential developments from the County Council to District Local Planning Authorities in two tier areas.	Planning
Bath & North East Somerset Council	Unitary	Voting age to be reduced to 16 years old	Democratic renewal
Bexley London Borough Council	LB	That the current volunteer mileage reimbursement system is reviewed so that drivers are reimbursed at a fair rate, administrative barriers are removed, and drivers are incentivised to use more eco-friendly modes of transport.	Transport
Birmingham City Council	Met	Promote local renewable energy by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove barriers to the local grid. In particular lifting the ceilings on the use of private electricity wires to supply domestic customers, and on electricity exports onto the grid from private wires • Introducing/extending financial incentives to promote local renewable energy generation 	Environmental sustainability
Birmingham City Council	Met	Promoting small business by increasing rate relief.	Finance
Birmingham City Council	Met	Local Authorities be granted the same flexibility as other Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) to grant Assured and Assured Shorthold tenancies, as well as Secure Tenancies.	Housing
Birmingham City Council	Met	Introduce Accelerated Development Zones (ADZs).	Regeneration and Economic Development
Birmingham City Council	Met	Ensure that greater consideration is given to the impact of closure of local public services on service users before a decision is made; decisions are made in negotiations involving all local stakeholders; that stakeholders represent the diversity of the area and all sections of the community served by the service in question.	Local Services
Birmingham City Council	Met	Utility companies to provide regular, up to date, weather corrected CO2e data, resultant from domestic and business electricity and gas consumption, on a neighbourhood scale, to local authorities and local strategic partnerships for public use.	Environmental sustainability

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Birmingham City Council	Met	Increase local food production by: • Revising allotment legislation to encourage and facilitate Local Authorities to provide more allotments, community gardens, community orchards or market gardens, and; • Introducing automatic Statutory Allotment Status for appropriate sites after an agreed period• The latter should apply to local authority or privately owned sites and should compel the landowner to develop the land for allotment use	Environmental sustainability
Birmingham City Council	Met	Local authorities to be given the discretionary power to regulate vehicles that park on and damage footways and grass verges where appropriate and proportionate to the problem.	Safer and stronger Communities
Borough of Poole	Unitary	For greater flexibility to be given to local authorities on spending of ring fenced grants	Finance
Borough of Poole	Unitary	For Planning Inspectors appointed to determine appeals to have and connection with and knowledge of the local area.	Planning
Borough of Poole	Unitary	Delegation of greater powers to Local Authorities to control and direct the nature of Local Public Transport.	Transport
Borough of Poole	Unitary	To seek greater influence for the Local Authority in the setting of the Regional Spatial Strategy and local determination of housing targets, including the number of affordable homes per development.	Housing
Borough of Poole	Unitary	To consider the possibility of legislation to build in a Right of Appeal by residents against grant of planning consent by a Local Authority or developer (limited to significant applications.)	Planning
Borough of Poole	Unitary	The ability to retain and influence the setting of the National non-domestic Rate collected by the Authority.	Finance
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	That power be devolved to local authorities to set vehicle speed limits on public roads at any maximum below existing regulations (20mph), according to local needs, in order to encourage safer and more people friendly streets where appropriate.	Transport
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	To allow allotment holders to sell their surplus product to local shops.	Environmental sustainability
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	That national government introduce a business rates local protection scheme which gives councils the authority to offer discretionary business rate relief to encourage and sustain small and medium local businesses.	Finance
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	National Government remove pooling regulations for RTB capital receipts and release future and accumulated capital receipts from the sale of council housing to the control of Local Authorities to be administered as they see fit, but especially to build new stock and renovate existing stock.	Finance
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	That national planning policy, specifically Planning Policy Statement 1, is changed to explicitly support localised food systems, thereby encouraging the provision of food infrastructure including urban and peri-urban abattoirs, bakeries, dairies and food hubs.	Planning

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Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	To change legislation that prohibits local authorities from borrowing against their social housing rental income.	Housing
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	To place a legal responsibility on supermarkets to reduce the amount of non-recyclable materials used in packaging and to provide recycling facilities for materials that are not recycled in the local household recycling collection.	Environmental sustainability
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	To increase financial incentives and assistance to local homeowners, including landlords, to install micro-renewable energy sources in their properties.	Environmental sustainability
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	That food growing be introduced as part of the national curriculum either on or off school sites.	Children and young people
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Government to extend Business Rate Relief to provide the same relief to urban Post Offices as rural.	Finance
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Reduce commercial and industrial waste.	Environmental sustainability
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Establish statutory biodiversity/eco footprint data in planning applications.	Environmental sustainability
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Reduce VAT on Property Refurbishment and Brownfield Site development to zero%.	Housing
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Encourage car clubs through exemption from congestion charges and free road fund licences.	Transport
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Place a tax on the purchase of plastic bags by retailers.	Environmental sustainability
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Amend the Local Government and Housing Act to support the employment of young people and people with learning difficulties, specifically within local authorities	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Bristol City Council	Unitary	Supporting independent shops in local town centres.	Planning
Burnley Borough Council	District	Selective landlord licensing and changes to the CPO regime.	Housing
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Add "protecting and improving public health" to the 4 existing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003	Health
Cambridge City Council	District	The government should give joint powers over all aspects of Transport Policy and Planning within Cambridge to Cambridgeshire County and Cambridge City Councils. These powers to include regulation of all public bus transport within Cambridge.	Transport
Cambridge City Council	District	The government should introduce legislation to significantly reduce the amount of packaging on all retail goods (food and non-food) and require all remaining packaging to be biodegradable.	Environmental sustainability

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Cambridge City Council	District	The government should change current arrangements to allow Cambridge City Council to keep ALL revenue collected from Council Housing rents and ALL receipts from Right to Buy sales of Council Homes.	Housing
Cambridge City Council	District	The City Council urges government to act quickly to: a) Make it much easier to introduce renewable energy schemes. b) Legislate to require high energy efficiency standards for ALL new buildings before 2016.	Environmental sustainability
Central Bedfordshire Council	Unitary	The introduction of a 5 year discretionary rate relief for small businesses in the area operating the development and production of low carbon technologies related to this sector.	Finance
Cheshire West and Chester	Unitary	Amend the Licensing Act 2003 to include ward councillors in the definition of 'interested party'. This would enable local ward councillors to make representations to the Licensing committee as of right.	Regulatory services
Chorley Borough Council	District	An amendment to be made to Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing (PPS3) to exclude gardens from the definition of brownfield land	Planning
Chorley Borough Council	District	Improving the relationships between local authorities and Primary Care Trusts and strengthening the democratic accountability of PCTs to their communities.	Democratic renewal
Chorley Borough Council	District	Give Councils the power to retain a proportion of the revenue from business rates (Non Domestic rates, NNDR) to be spent on local priorities or to have the power to raise revenue through this mechanism by giving powers back to local authorities to set a local levy.	Finance
City of York Council	Unitary	Bring commercial waste into councils' targets for increasing recycling	Environmental sustainability
City of York Council	Unitary	Accelerate actions regarding the creation of low carbon communities;	Environmental sustainability
City of York Council	Unitary	Re-regulation of bus services	Transport
City of York Council	Unitary	That City of York council should be able to keep all of its council housing rental income and not be subject to the HRA subsidy Regime.	Housing
City of York Council	Unitary	That "Business Rates are retained locally for spending on sustainability (including economic) by council"	Finance
City of York Council	Unitary	This proposal requests that all landfill tax and LATS penalties (where appropriate) are returned to local authorities for investment in further recycling, reduction, reuse and repair measures.	Environmental sustainability
City of York Council	Unitary	This proposal requests consideration for a change in legislation, so that producers of packaging, such as supermarkets, have an obligation to take it back at their stores locally for reuse or recycling.	Environmental sustainability
Croydon London Borough Council	LB	Establish Local Appeals Boards to determine planning appeals on minor applications.	Planning

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Darlington Borough Council	Unitary	To request a new legal power to enable licensing committees to take account of representations about local views on "sufficiency" in relation to the provision of premises from which alcohol can be bought	Health
Darlington Borough Council	Unitary	Facilitating access to welfare benefits for those in low paid work and/or those who are volunteering.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Darlington Borough Council	Unitary	A revised Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) to better target local deprivation	Regeneration and Economic Development
Darlington Borough Council	Unitary	For Government to take the necessary steps to enable community pubs to trade on a level playing field by prohibiting irresponsible promotion of alcohol as a loss-leader (part one). That government take the necessary steps to prohibit restrictive covenants that prevent any future use of a property as a 'local service' as defined by the Sustainable Communities Act (part two).	Health
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Making local Post Offices more sustainable	Local Services
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Empowering parish councils in the planning process	Planning
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Enable local authorities to encourage local businesses to promote sustainability through the business rates reliefs system	Finance
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Universal concessionary pass for young people is implemented across the country.	Transport
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	The installation of renewable energy/lighting/heating sources by households and The provision of renewable energy lighting schemes at amenities such as multi-use games areas Recycling of plastics and packaging to be enhanced, working with supermarkets Carbon Monoxide Detectors	Environmental sustainability
Dorset County Council	County	For the government to enact legislation to deal with the issue of vehicles using inappropriate roads as a result of satellite navigation devices.	Transport
Dorset County Council	County	That the Secretary of State for Transport amends the powers of the Highway Agency as follows: 'That where roads under their jurisdiction have a high or significant local strategic importance, the powers of that Agency, which impinge directly on the structural or functional planning of a local community, should be commuted from 'Mandatory' to 'Advisory with consultation.'	Transport
East Devon District Council	District	Providing more affordable housing in East Devon for local people	Housing

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East Lindsey District Council	District	A change to the legislation that would require a larger percentage of the electorate to call for a meeting, demand a Parish Poll on a question or the appointment to an Office, and a larger number of those present at the meeting, with a de minimis included.	Democratic renewal
East Lindsey District Council	District	To allow the District Council to retain a proportion of Non Domestic Rates (NDR) received from caravan parks for reinvestment into local community renewal projects.	Finance
East Lindsey District Council	District	The Government should remove the mandatory element to maintain closed churchyards, retaining a power for councils to support the activity, so it became a matter of local choice through the democratic process.	Local Services
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Unitary	For the Government to increase expenditure on major transport schemes to finance the reopening of the York to Beverley railway.	Transport
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Unitary	The removal of an age restriction to Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Adult social care
Essex County Council	County	Change the definition of 'NEETs' to recognise participation in ECC youth initiatives and formal volunteering programmes as valid alternatives to education, training and employment.	Children and young people
Essex County Council	County	That ECC be empowered to define and enforce a set of local performance standards for government agencies and non-departmental public bodies that operate within Essex.	Democratic renewal
Essex County Council	County	Develop joint arrangements for commissioning non-emergency patient transport services (PTS). To this end, it is proposed that the Secretary of State: a. transfer responsibility for PTS commissioning such that Essex PCTs and Essex County Council become jointly responsible for commissioning these services; and in doing so, b. place a duty on Essex PCTs to work with the County Council to design, develop and implement joint-commissioning arrangements.	Health
Essex County Council	County	That Local Authorities be empowered to use the existing infrastructure provided by the Electoral Commission to run locally focused referendums, including alongside existing votes such as parliamentary, European and local elections.	Democratic renewal
Essex County Council	County	The duty to set the eligibility criteria and amounts payable for all working age benefits for all claimants in Essex be devolved from central government to ECC.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Essex County Council	County	That ECC be allowed to retain money that it would otherwise have paid to the exchequer in landfill tax. All retained money will be committed to fund projects and programmes to improve local environmental sustainability.	Environmental sustainability

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Exeter City Council	District	For Government to give Exeter City Council the power to retain revenue from locally imposed non-domestic rates on store car parking spaces, with the power for the Council to allow discounts to stores that source at least 30% of goods from within 30 miles of Exeter (and which are not first transported to a distribution centre more than 30 miles away).	Finance
Exeter City Council	District	Ensure that all buses in rural areas are capable of carrying at least two bikes on externally secured bike carriers.	Transport
Hackney London Borough Council	LB	Introduce wider powers for councils to be able to reflect residents' views and influence the shape of local high streets where the concentration of particular kinds of businesses can mean that the needs of local people are not met and local communities cease to be sustainable	Planning
Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council	LB	Councils be given the statutory duty to improve neighbourhoods where there are concentrations of deprivation and be set free to manage regeneration resources and their housing assets in a more sensible way based on what is right for the local area.	Regeneration and Economic Development
Hampshire County Council	County	Devolve the responsibility for Regional Strategy preparation from the regional level to county level, enabling closer links between planning and delivery of services such as transport, education and health, and enhancing local democratic accountability	Planning
Harrow London Borough Council	LB	Amend the Planning Act to give a duty to local planning authorities to recognise the value of gardens and urban green spaces in the life of the community, and for the environmental and social sustainability of an area.	Planning
Hastings Borough Council	District	The Government is requested to enact legislation to enable the transfer of Highway Authority powers to those District Councils who are willing and able to take on sole responsibility for on street parking.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	It is proposed that high-speed broadband is provided throughout the county.	Local Services
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Local lettings policy for existing housing stock.	Housing
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Twin-tracking the line between Hereford and Ledbury	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Work experience on farms as part of the national curriculum.	Children and young people
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Designating the Herefordshire Black Mountains as an area of outstanding national beauty.	Environmental sustainability
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Re-opening the Herefordshire to Gloucestershire canal.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	The Highways Agency should be required to take into account and act upon local needs.	Transport

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Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Establish/Re-establish train stations on existing lines in the County	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Establish Post Banks in local Post Offices.	Local Services
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Considering the impact and engaging with the local community when moving or closing public services.	Local Services
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Reduced VAT on building conversions	Housing
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Extension of the commuter train network.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	Creating a public transport governing body.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	All settlements should have the right to access a public transport service.	Transport
High Peak Borough Council	District	Free Transport for school age children; switching of traffic lights to flashing amber between 12 midnight and 5am in order to reduce carbon emissions and to encourage drivers to take more responsibility for safe road use	Transport
Islington London Borough Council	LB	Amend legislation which restricts the freedom of the council to require its contractors to pay the London Living Wage.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Islington London Borough Council	LB	For the local authority to take over the licensing and enforcement of footways along red routes.	Transport
Islington London Borough Council	LB	Increase the amount of waste that businesses recycle	Environmental sustainability
Islington London Borough Council	LB	Give the council the power to decide if an area is saturated with gambling and/or off license premises so that it can then restrict new licences being granted (or existing licences being extended).	Planning
Islington London Borough Council	LB	To give local authorities more control over developments by railway operators to ensure biodiversity is protected and enhanced in these key sites.	Planning
Islington London Borough Council	LB	Freedoms for local authorities to discourage empty homes.	Housing
Islington London Borough Council	LB	Using empty business premises for community use, and powers to require all business premises to be kept in a good and presentable condition.	Regeneration and Economic Development
Islington London Borough Council	LB	For local authorities to keep and spend business rates collected in their area to spend on local services and priorities.	Finance

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Islington London Borough Council	LB	To transfer functions from the London Mayor to borough level to give each borough the final say on tall buildings.	Planning
Islington London Borough Council	LB	To protect and promote neighbourhood shopping centres.	Planning
Islington London Borough Council	LB	Extend the notice period for temporary event notices.	Regulatory services
Islington London Borough Council	LB	Require leaseholders to keep and provide evidence that gas safety checks have been carried out in their properties.	Housing
Kent County Council	County	Change in Government policy to allow recourse to government funding in the provision of Motorway Service Areas.	Transport
Kent County Council	County	The transfer of functions of the Skills Funding Agency and Young Peoples Learning Agency in regard to the county of Kent be devolved to KCC.	Children and young people
Kettering Borough Council	District	The government to issue guidelines to courts not to issue charging orders unless there are exceptional circumstances; that is that the court is persuaded that there was an intent to defraud on the part of the debtor.	Safer and stronger Communities
Kettering Borough Council	District	To change the statutory guidance to allow local authorities to employ single teams of warden capable of dealing with all civil enforcement issues.	Safer and stronger Communities
Kettering Borough Council	District	Give licensing authorities, in conjunction with the police, or the local CDRP, powers to prevent supermarkets selling alcohol below a certain price floor.	Regulatory services
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council	LB	Introduction of additional licensing conditions for puppy vendors which will enable Local Authorities to enforce a ban on dogs imported from puppy farms and which will improve the welfare standards in pet shops.	Safer and stronger Communities
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council	LB	We are proposing that Kingston should be able to keep a proportion of the business rates collected which would be ring-fenced for investment in programmes that contributed to local economic and social sustainability.	Finance
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council	LB	Overturning the Greenwich Judgment	Children and young people
Lambeth London Borough Council	LB	Variable National Non Domestic Rates for those businesses that deliver social benefits	Finance
Lambeth London Borough Council	LB	New powers to use empty commercial properties for 3rd sector/social enterprises.	Regeneration and Economic Development
Lambeth London Borough Council	LB	Stopping Land Banking	Planning
Leeds City Council	Met	Amend schedule 7 of the traffic management act 2004 to extend the powers of civil enforcement officers to issue penalty charge notices for obstructive parking.	Transport

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Lewes District Council	District	Central Government to set up legislation to require The Highways Agency and the Highway Authority to link the footpaths and cycle ways in the Local Authority area.	Transport
Lewes District Council	District	Devolve from Central Government to the Local Authority all the funds held for the purpose of enterprise support.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Lewes District Council	District	The Waste Collection Authority to have the power to levy a charge to cover the cost of disposal of excess waste and to decide how the waste is disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.	Environmental sustainability
Lewes District Council	District	"A review of local government at parish level, review of areas that do not have a parish council, to look at the governance of those areas and the process of creating parish councils in those areas. Particular attention being given to the relevance of the Parish Meeting to the sustainable community of the 21st century, where all citizens should have a basic level of statutory local representation which is fair inclusive and fit for purpose. The process of community governance review to require local discussion and a secret ballot in order to encourage full community participation."	Democratic renewal
Lewes District Council	District	That The Secretary of State develops a strategy to enable Councils to promote local energy schemes and in particular review the requirements regarding private wire systems	Environmental sustainability
Lewes District Council	District	LAs should be able to set increased council tax rates for properties kept solely as second homes or used as holiday lets.	Finance
Lewes District Council	District	That the Secretary of State takes the power (or gives local authorities the power) to levy non domestic rates on all those car parking spaces - with a power for the council to allow discounts (perhaps up to 100%) if the supermarket or other store, sources a stated percentage of goods for sale locally.	Regeneration and Economic Development
Lewes District Council	District	The National Curriculum should include education about government structures and local democracy, designed to encourage participation in local issues and a feeling of inclusivity in Secondary Schools. Support for education to be as practical and participatory as possible e.g. to elect a young mayor within the citizenship modules.	Democratic renewal
Lewisham London Borough Council	LB	Gambling and Bookmakers.	Regulatory services
Lewisham London Borough Council	LB	Significantly increase the fund for grants for people to install micro-renewables such as solar panels and small wind turbines for their homes (known as the Low Carbon Building Programme).	Environmental sustainability
Liverpool City Council	Met	Local Authorities are given power to force utility companies to reinstate works to original state and that any utilities works that are disruptive to the local highway network should be agreed and co-ordinated with the City Council.	Local Services
Liverpool City Council	Met	Allow local authorities to retain business rates for local spending.	Finance

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Liverpool City Council	Met	That the decent homes criteria to provide for housing standards is changed to allow local authorities to determine minimum standards for energy conservation, the amount of renewable energy and flood protection.	Environmental sustainability
Liverpool City Council	Met	Make it possible for communities to have mandatory lease rights on disused land, and unoccupied buildings from private owners	Planning
Liverpool City Council	Met	That legislation is introduced to allow local authorities to impose tighter restrictions and minimum requirements on private landlords including 2 storey multi occupied houses.	Housing
Liverpool City Council	Met	Amend licensing legislation to prevent alcohol licences being granted at any premises which sell petrol.	Regulatory services
Liverpool City Council	Met	That post offices can not be closed until the local co-operative development office has been given the time and training budget to see if an increase in capacity could result in local people taking over the management of the premises.	Local Services
Liverpool City Council	Met	Change legislation to allow proximity i.e. numbers in an area, using the pharmacy principle, and the effect on public health to be considered as grounds for objection and refusal in respect of planning and licensing applications.	Planning
Maldon District Council	District	The government gives Local Authorities the power to require planning permission to be sought for the change of use from premises which fall within the same use class, such as a change from a post office to a newsagents or village store, or demolition (as currently only required for listed buildings and buildings in conservation areas) of any or all premises that are classified as a local service.	Planning
Mid Devon District Council	District	Give local Post Offices a much wider role in their community, in particular with regard to the provision of government services and banking services.	Local Services
Mid Sussex District Council	District	Provision of broadband services should be made the subject of a legal minimum requirement, in the same way that access to other infrastructure services is, e.g. water.	Local Services
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	District	That Government should promote the decentralisation of services in order to reduce long-distance traffic.	Environmental sustainability
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	District	That Government should incentivise the generation of power within local communities' for local consumption.	Environmental sustainability
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	District	That home composting should qualify for recycling credits to be paid to Councils which would subsidise the provision of home composting equipment.	Environmental sustainability
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	District	That Government should direct farming policy to prioritise the growing of organic and a greater variety of foods for local consumption.	Environmental sustainability
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	District	That Government should clarify and simplify the law relating to the use of pavements by vehicular traffic such that pavement be reserved exclusively for pedestrian use.	Transport

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Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council	District	That highways should be managed by the most local authority available in order to make highway maintenance most appropriate and responsive to local need.	Transport
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	Met	The City Council requests that legislation is introduced which would make it unlawful to park on the footway where any part of a vehicle is within 1100mm of the edge of the footway within the local authority area	Transport
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	Met	The City Council requests the creation of statutory powers to prohibit large pub and retail companies that own drinking establishments from imposing restrictive covenants when they sell their property assets.	Local Services
Norfolk County Council	County	More effective flood warning systems.	Environmental sustainability
North Dorset District Council	District	a. Remove capping limit for rural LAs, or apply or reinstate an independently assessed baseline de minimus. b. Apply a rural weighting to allow for difficulty in access due to sparsity, remoteness, to provide for hard to reach groups, equality and diversity issues. c. Allow rural district authorities to make use of any reduced precept from the overall rise in council tax.	Finance
North Dorset District Council	District	Changes the basis for calculation of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive.	Finance
North Somerset Council	Unitary	Revision of Planning Laws to achieve less commuter travel.	Planning
North Somerset Council	Unitary	That the Secretary of State transfers responsibility for the support of pubs and shops in all rural parishes in the county to the local authority.	Regeneration and Economic Development
North Somerset Council	Unitary	To modify regulations in the Local Transport Act 2008 and the Concessionary Bus Travel (permits) (England) Regulations 2008	Transport
North Yorkshire County Council	County	That the government introduces a range of measures to promote energy efficiency.	Environmental sustainability
North Yorkshire County Council	County	Improve labelling of food to promote local produce.	Environmental sustainability
North Yorkshire County Council	County	Change the State Aid rules to allow Nynet directly to local businesses and residents	Regeneration and Economic Development
Norwich City Council	District	Introduce, a 'Power of Care' element to the existing lasting power of attorney.	Adult social care

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Nottingham City Council	Unitary	To improve the provision of environmental services and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Nottingham - new powers to address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - noise nuisance - behaviour of repeat offenders - alcohol/licensing - domestic violence - community safety designated zones 	Safer and stronger Communities
Nottingham City Council	Unitary	Controlling the number of HMOs in a locality to prevent an unbalanced housing market and introduce levels of control through licensing to prevent HMOs having a negative impact on a neighbourhood.	Housing
Nottingham City Council	Unitary	That the Government make some changes to legislation to help tackle the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Littering from cars - Fly-posting - Bins left on streets - Properties that are detrimental to the amenity of the neighbourhood 	Safer and stronger Communities
Oxford City Council	District	The City Council is asking for Secretary of State Approval to introduce an Oxford City wide Licensing Scheme.	Health
Oxford City Council	District	Tackling Flood Risk	Environmental sustainability
Oxford City Council	District	Creating a new Planning Use Class; Promoting and supporting local businesses through a more flexible Business Rate Relief system	Planning
Oxford City Council	District	Reform to the law of compulsory purchase and that the Government act upon the recommendations within the Law Commission Report 'Towards a compulsory purchase code (2) procedure' (2004)	Planning
Oxfordshire County Council	County	Proposal for an Oxfordshire Adult Skills Agency	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Pendle Borough Council	District	Introduce a Landlord Licensing scheme	Housing
Redbridge London Borough Council	LB	A review of the current signs Regulations and General Direction to relax the illumination requirements for some road signs.	Transport
Redbridge London Borough Council	LB	Introduce a new subsection (possibly A1(a)), to the Use Class Order to identify the number of coffee shops and takeaway food shops currently operating as Use Class A1 establishments.	Planning
Redbridge London Borough Council	LB	To suspend the requirement for Redbridge Council to publish statutory notices in the London Gazette and, instead, to publish notices on its award winning website, Redbridge-i and Redbridge Life, the Council paper as well as local papers.	Planning
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	Unitary	The proposal is to enable the Council's Community Protection Officer Service to carry out civil and criminal act duties in a combined manner without fear of legal challenge.	Safer and stronger Communities

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Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	Unitary	Changes to Section 215 powers under the Town and Country Planning Act could be amended to speed up the process where land, including property, adversely affects the amenity of the area	Planning
Richmondshire District Council	District	Change to the law to make it a legal obligation for Local Government to provide public toilets	Local Services
Rother District Council	District	Preserving the public realm and improving the quality of life in rural villages.	Transport
Rother District Council	District	Transfer New Road Money to Tree and Green Space Provision	Environmental sustainability
Rother District Council	District	Merton Rule.	Environmental sustainability
Rother District Council	District	Protection for allotments.	Environmental sustainability
Rother District Council	District	Duty to maintain and wherever possible enhance the quality of the public realm on public bodies.	Safer and stronger Communities
Ryedale District Council,	District	Regulation of the price of bottled gas/Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG).	Environmental sustainability
Ryedale District Council,	District	Give Councils the power to remove restrictive covenants put on buildings such as pubs which are closed by national chains to prevent them from re-opening as a public house.	Regeneration and Economic Development
Sheffield City Council	Met	That the government introduces statutory legislation giving Sheffield City Council a rebuttable right to enter into temporary leases compulsorily with owners of vacant brownfield land, which they can then sublease to community groups.	Planning
Sheffield City Council	Met	To allow asylum seekers the right to work in the city once their application for asylum has been received.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Sheffield City Council	Met	Formal recognition by government that Sheffield City Council, in its role as community leader, is invested with the authority to secure, through statutory partnership working with the national agencies, the necessary step change in performance in adult learning, skills and employment at the local level.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Sheffield City Council	Met	That Sheffield City Council should be given responsibility for maintaining and sustaining the local Post Office network in our local area.	Local Services
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	Increasing the size of the Car Park at the M4/A46 (J18) to provide Park & Share facilities to serve the West of England and beyond.	Local Services
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	Prevention of Flooding in the Village of Aust	Environmental sustainability

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South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	Automatic Rate Relief for Business.	Finance
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	Abolish the Regional Spatial Strategy and move to a decentralised system based around natural communities at local and sub-regional level.	Planning
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	Remove the Gypsy and Traveller DPD Direction	Planning
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	Further revision to the priority list of LAs invited to join the Building Schools for the Future programme.	Children and young people
South Hams District Council	District	That the Government gives a commitment not to enter into any further Post Office closure programmes and to sustain a national network of around 12,000 Post Offices, establishing a Post Bank, and re-introducing lost or curtailed services, bringing the UK inline with most of its EU counterparts	Local Services
South Hams District Council	District	In two tier local government areas, the Government to give Billing Authorities the power to create a separate fund for all the additional revenue raised from council tax on second homes.	Housing
South Hams District Council	District	This proposal calls for Government and Local Authority housing and planning requirements to be amended to allow private individuals and non-profit groups to build affordable homes for their own use	Housing
South Hams District Council	District	Government to legislate for Local Authorities to implement a policy that requires Integrated Health Impact Assessments (IHIA) ¹ to be undertaken on all new developments and strategic plans.	Environmental sustainability
South Hams District Council	District	That the Government gives Local Authorities the power to apply rate relief to businesses that earn 50% of their turnover from selling local foods and goods and that this be fully funded by Central Government.	Finance
South Hams District Council	District	Community Asset Transfer	Local Services
South Hams District Council	District	Volunteer centres and Community and Voluntary Services (CVS) are fully funded to encourage volunteer activities in communities	Safer and stronger Communities
South Hams District Council	District	Network of Safe Cycle Routes.	Transport
South Hams District Council	District	Adapting Green Spaces to Climate Change	Environmental sustainability
South Hams District Council	District	Local Renewable Energy Provision.	Environmental sustainability
South Hams District Council	District	That the Government introduces a new policy and provides financial support or tax incentives to introduce a range of new 'green' initiatives.	Environmental sustainability
South Kesteven District Council	District	Our proposal asks the government to allow the council to retain 100% of the rent it collects from its housing stock.	Housing

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South Lakeland District Council	District	Increasing supply of affordable housing by returning 100 per cent of council housing rents to the local authority area which they came from in order to fund new affordable housing.	Housing
South Somerset District Council	District	Improve home insulation and other energy saving measures in people's homes, with a priority for older people, the 'near poor' and 'hard to treat' housing stock.	Environmental sustainability
South Somerset District Council	District	This proposal asks Government to help public sector organisations to support their local economies by procuring more goods and services from local suppliers.	Regeneration and Economic Development
South Somerset District Council	District	Ensure that any new-build housing development provides some of its own energy from renewable resources.	Environmental sustainability
South Somerset District Council	District	To establish a Community Allowance, enabling long-term unemployed people to undertake a small amount of paid work without it affecting their benefits	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	The proposal seeks to provide more detailed guidance of when a garage could be licensed to sell alcohol under the Licensing Act 2003.	Regulatory services
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Changes to the Climate Change Act 2008, Planning Policy Statement: Planning and Climate Change - supplement to PPS, to ensure a prosperous low carbon economy that provides a good quality of life to UK residents.	Environmental sustainability
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	This proposal details changes to Part 4 of the Housing Act 2004 to allow the council to raise money for the renovation from commercial sources, to allow a more affordable rent to be charged where the situation requires it and to make it easier for council's to take action against properties that have been empty for a number of years.	Housing
South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Request for stronger formal and legislative arrangements for Local Councils to influence the delivery of the Highways Agency's national and regional roads programme.	Transport
Southampton City Council	Unitary	That Central Government provide Waste Disposal Authorities with an additional landfill tonnage allowance to take into account commercial waste activities.	Environmental sustainability
Southampton City Council	Unitary	To request an amendment to existing benefit regulations in order to encourage volunteering, flexible working patterns and learning without adversely affecting an individual's benefit entitlement.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Southampton City Council	Unitary	To set up a regional Energy Service Company to promote the provision and use of more sustainable energy and heat, including renewables, within Southampton / the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) area.	Environmental sustainability
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Unitary	To implement a comprehensive package of neighbourhood support, engagement and training opportunities to improve and sustain life chances of local communities in Southend.	Environmental sustainability
Southwark Council	LB	To relax the legal requirement for 20mph zones that every street must have self-enforcing calming measures.	Transport

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Southwark Council	LB	Establish a national Plastic Bag Free day to coincide with the International event.	Environmental sustainability
Southwark Council	LB	A legal duty for rail operators to work with local authorities and local communities to safeguard and improve the environment around railway land and infrastructure.	Transport
Southwark Council	LB	Create a tax regime which encourages sustainable commuting.	Transport
Southwark Council	LB	Support public sector leaseholders to pay their major works service charges by incentivising them to make regular payments.	Housing
Southwark Council	LB	To allow local authorities to impose civil penalties on freeholders, leaseholders or a tenant as appropriate, for the unlawful use of properties, in order to cover the costs of planning enforcement.	Housing
Southwark Council	LB	Introduce a permissive regime that enables local authorities to prioritise permaculture design principles in local planning policy.	Planning
Southwark Council	LB	Create a Southwark Safety Camera Partnership to provide a localised approach to road safety.	Transport
St Albans City and District Council	District	Councils to be allowed to collect and retain 10% of business rates to provide stronger support (locally) for small business set up, training, guidance and infrastructure projects benefiting local businesses	Finance
St Albans City and District Council	District	Practice based commissioning and scrutiny	Health
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	District	More regular bus services in Ipstones; Retention of the village post office in Ipstones, including a desire to see more services retained by post offices generally; The re-opening of those village post offices that have already been closed.	Transport
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Unitary	It is proposed that the Government bestow on Local Authorities stronger powers to help deal in a more effective, efficient and timely way with the problems caused by derelict industrial land and buildings.	Planning
Stroud District Council	District	Reform of the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy arrangements	Housing
Suffolk Coastal District Council	County	Overall responsibility for granting licences should remain with the traffic commissioners, but local planning authorities (LPA) should have a statutory obligation to sanction new operating bases or changes to existing sites. The traffic commissioners would be required to obtain formal planning consent from the LPA before a licence could be granted.	Regulatory services
Suffolk Coastal District Council	County	A percentage of the funding currently distributed through the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs), the Learning & Skills Council (LSC) and Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) be given directly to District Councils in rural areas to fund training for employability and skills development locally.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills

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Sutton London Borough Council	LB	Pilot a new approach to planning, where applications that the authority refuses can be taken to a local panel if either applicant or objectors express dissatisfaction with the decision	Planning
Teignbridge District Council	District	That the Government cease any future Post Office closure programmes and review the impact on communities where closures have already taken place.	Local Services
Teignbridge District Council	District	Government to review restrictions on conservation of buildings to allow the use of more energy efficient materials.	Environmental sustainability
Teignbridge District Council	District	Government to acknowledge the role of Community Land Bank Trusts (CLTs) and ensure involvement at local level on future housing developments.	Housing
Torrige District Council	District	Provision of enhanced public transport in rural areas.	Transport
Torrige District Council	District	To allow derelict private buildings, which have not previously been used as residential accommodation (space above shops, meeting rooms, offices, chapels, etc), to be compulsorily purchased by the local authority and converted/renovated for housing.	Housing
Torrige District Council	District	That second home owners should pay 100% of the council tax and that all income raised remains locally.	Housing
Torrige District Council	District	Assist local communities in making their village halls self sustaining.	Regulatory services
Torrige District Council	District	Fundamental change to Planning Policy Statements 7 and 3.	Planning
Torrige District Council	District	Financial penalties on retrospective planning applications.	Planning
Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	That the government give Local Authorities stronger powers to initiate action more quickly and place a requirement on owners to provide realistic proposals for change within a reasonable timeframe, or to allow the Council to step in and serve notice on the owner to sell the property/site without undue delay and without the Council incurring any costs.	Planning
Waltham Forest London Borough Council	LB	Adapt legislation to make it easier to take control of abandoned patches of land.	Planning
Waltham Forest London Borough Council	LB	Encourage the Government to reduce the time it takes to deal with appeals against the service of enforcement notices within the Planning Enforcement system.	Planning
Waltham Forest London Borough Council	LB	Waltham Forest proposes a power to have a 'local voting age or local age of representation' so that young people could vote and/or stand for their local elections.	Democratic renewal
Waltham Forest London Borough Council	LB	Allow discounts on business rates to be set by local criteria.	Finance

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Waltham Forest London Borough Council	LB	Alter the powers available to councils to deal with fly tipping, waste and graffiti on privately owned land and buildings to allow the Council to take immediate action where necessary, or reduce the time before an intervention can be made, where we deem there to be a risk to health, safety or the environment.	Environmental sustainability
Warrington Borough Council	Unitary	Supporting people beyond work placements, into full time, paid employment and fundamentally creating these opportunities.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Warrington Borough Council	Unitary	Our proposal would require amendment to the current business rate relief scheme to include an inspection managed award of business rate relief.	Finance
Warwick District Council	District	For councils to keep all the rental income on council properties	Housing
Warwick District Council	District	That the Government return 1% of the landfill tax revenue raised locally (within the district) to be used solely by Local Authorities/Voluntary Sector to help increase recycling rates.	Environmental sustainability
Warwick District Council	District	Local retention of business rates	Finance
West Devon Borough Council	District	The need to sustain the levels of social and economic capital gained through previous central government Community Development initiatives such as the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative, Parish Planning and previous government funded regeneration programmes	Planning
West Devon Borough Council	District	Increase the usage of the Dartmoor Railway	Transport
West Devon Borough Council	District	That the Government gives a commitment not to enter into any further Post Office closure programmes and to sustain a national network of around 12,000 Post Offices, establishing a Post Bank, and re-introducing lost or curtailed services, bringing the UK inline with most of its EU counterparts, who run successful, profitable post office networks offering a wide range of personal and business accounts in addition to mail, government and other services.	Local Services
West Devon Borough Council	District	That the Government should provide a financial incentive for landowners to sell land for community purposes without financial loss; particularly small parcels of land for affordable housing.	Planning
West Dorset Borough Council	District	Extension of the concept of Rural Exception Sites to settlements of over 3000 to include market towns.	Planning
West Dorset Borough Council	District	Developers should be mandated to attain the highest practical Code for Sustainable Homes levels (or equivalent BREEAM rating) in all new developments.	Environmental sustainability
West Dorset Borough Council	District	Extension of the rural repurchase fund.	Housing
West Lancashire District Council	District	To allow local authorities to participate in more than one LAA/MAA.	New Performance Framework

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West Lancashire District Council	District	Provide funding to improve train and bus services to and from Skelmersdale.	Transport
West Lancashire District Council	District	To re-direct funding for training contracts to local authorities, to ensure locality-specific training needs can be addressed and enable the establishment of practical learning/training & social enterprise business hubs.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
West Lancashire District Council	District	Local authorities to keep a greater proportion of Right to Buy receipts to enable house building & estate remodelling	Housing
West Lancashire District Council	District	The government to support regeneration in New Towns.	Regeneration and Economic Development
West Lancashire District Council	District	Lobbying for changes to the Treaty of Rome to encourage local economic stimulus.	Regeneration and Economic Development
West Lancashire District Council	District	Changes to the funding formula for local authorities to facilitate public realm maintenance in New Town Areas.	Finance
West Lancashire District Council	District	To extend the funding that local authorities receive for the collection of recyclables to all categories of non-business premises.	Environmental sustainability
West Oxfordshire District Council	District	Government revises its criteria for the award of Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGIA), which is administered by the Environment Agency on behalf of DEFRA. Central Government make funding of local flood relief schemes direct to local authorities, who can then work with partners and local communities to implement schemes that meet residents / business needs.	Environmental sustainability
Westminster City Council	LB	Revise the method for calculating an area's population.	Finance
Westminster City Council	LB	For a proportion of the business rates collected in the city to be ring fenced so that the City Council can invest in its City Recovery programme and economic development related activities.	Finance
Westminster City Council	LB	Government alters its targets relating to temporary accommodation so that levels of overcrowding can be reduced.	Housing
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Voluntary organisations should not pay business rates for rubbish collection but rather be treated as domestic customers.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Access to education should be widened to cover as many people's needs as possible.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Amending Stamp duty land tax to rejuvenate the housing market.	Housing
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Adaptations should be made to new affordable housing at design stage to meet mobility targets	Adult social care

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Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Stamp Duty Land Tax from house sales should be paid to the local authority to encourage the building of more affordable homes.	Housing
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	New houses to be equipped with rain water harvesting and solar power units to minimise their impact on the environment.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Lowered curbs for wheelchair users should be painted yellow to ensure car drivers are made aware not to park in front of them	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Inject Vehicle Excise Duty paid by Wiltshire residents back into the local area	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Changes to national speed limit signage.	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Strict speed limits in town centres and villages of 20mph.	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	All MOT tests to include the statutory recording of mileage	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Government to set a requirement for a strategic policy for Climate Change to be developed and owned by local authorities	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Introduce plastic recycling collections at the doorstep.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Energy production to be decentralised to local level.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Increase tax on chewing gum	Safer and stronger Communities
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Mandatory for utility companies to publish or make available aggregate figures for utility usage on a community basis.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Introduce facilities for storing electrical energy generated by renewables.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Undertake a national review of the use of street lights.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	Office sustainability	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	The Sustainable Communities Act consultation process should not just be a one off, but be ongoing, or at least held once per year.	Democratic renewal
Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough	Unitary	To devolve the provision of Information, Diagnosis and Brokerage (IDB) services, and their associated budgets, to the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, the local authority	Regeneration and Economic Development

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Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough	Unitary	Transfer the financial and operational responsibility for the local fire and rescue services from the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Services (RBFRS) to the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM).	Local Services
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	Changes in central government legislation and funding structures relating to Community Asset Transfer.	Local Services
Wycombe District Council	District	Wycombe District Council as the lead council, in conjunction with South Oxfordshire District Council is asking the Government to review and revise its policies and priorities so that effective immediate action can be taken to reduce the level and impact of motorway noise from the M40 between Junction 3 (Loudwater) and Junction 8 (Wheatley).	Transport