

## Consultation Publications Websites April 2010

### Consultations

Title .....	<b>Council housing: A real future (Prospectus)</b>
Outline .....	On 21 July 2009 Communities and Local Government published a consultation document titled Reform of Council Housing. This included an option of dismantling the current Housing Revenue Account subsidy system and replacing it with a devolved system of financing and accountability termed self-financing. Under self-financing council landlords would keep all their rental income and use it to finance their own stock, ending the annual subsidy relationship with Government. <i>Council Housing: A real future</i> sets out detailed proposals for reforming council housing finance and seeks the views of councils on implementing this new system.
Web link .....	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1512947.pdf">http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1512947.pdf</a>
Launch date .....	25 March 2010
Deadline date .....	6 July 2010
Link to any further info .....	Linked documents are listed, with links, at the bottom of this CLG page: <a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/selffinancingprospectus">http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/selffinancingprospectus</a>

Title .....	<b>Statutory Guidance for Local Duties on Child Poverty (Child Poverty Act 2010)</b>
Outline .....	This formal consultation seeks views on draft statutory guidance covering Part 2 of the Child Poverty Act: 'Duties of local authorities and other bodies in England'. Part 2 of the Child Poverty Act places duties on local authorities and named partner authorities to cooperate with a view to reducing, and mitigating the effects of, child poverty in their local areas. That cooperation must lead to the production of local child poverty needs assessments, which in turn inform local child poverty strategies. The draft statutory guidance relating to Part 2 of the Act seeks to enable local authorities, named partner authorities and others to make the most of the opportunities presented by the Child Poverty Act. Authorities and named partner authorities must have regard to this guidance in taking forward the Part 2 duties.
Web link .....	Read the consultation document on-line: <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=conDocument&amp;consultationId=1712&amp;menu=1">http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=conDocument&amp;consultationId=1712&amp;menu=1</a> Respond on-line here: <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=Respond&amp;consultationId=1712&amp;menu=1">http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=Respond&amp;consultationId=1712&amp;menu=1</a> Statutory Guidance for Local Duties on Child Poverty (Child Poverty Act 2010) - Full Consultation Document here: <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/Child%20Povert%20Guidance%20-%20March%20-%20version%20for%20formal%20consultation%20FINAL%20(3).doc">http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/Child%20Povert%20Guidance%20-%20March%20-%20version%20for%20formal%20consultation%20FINAL%20(3).doc</a> Summary Document - Word here: <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/Child%20Poverty%20consultation%20summary%20document.doc">http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/Child%20Poverty%20consultation%20summary%20document.doc</a> <a href="#">Response Form - Word</a> here: <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/child%20poverty%20response%20form.doc">http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/child%20poverty%20response%20form.doc</a>
Launch date .....	Friday 26 March 2010
Deadline date .....	Friday 18 June 2010

Title .....	<b>Housing design and sustainability standards consultation</b>
Outline .....	The HCA is consulting on potential future design and sustainability core standards. We see such standards as a vital part of delivering our commitment to be at the forefront of good design quality and sustainability in housing. The consultation seeks the views of stakeholders on options for core standards, their level, and how, if adopted, they should be applied and phased in to operation. We will use the consultation responses to inform final decisions on standards and their application. An event has been set up for Cambridgeshire by Ken Caldwell of the HCA. Invite has been circulated to enablers and others.
Structure of the consultation .....	An analysis of the responses, grouped within broad respondent categories, will be made public in due course. We will anonymise responses in any publication if requested to do so.
Web links .....	<a href="#">For ease of reference download the the full consultation - PDF (208 KB)</a> <a href="#">All the evidence base sections - PDF (496 KB)</a> The two documents referenced above contain the written content of this consultation; they do not include the specific consultation questions. <a href="#">Download the consultation questions - PDF (108 KB)</a>
Launch date .....	31 March 2010
Deadline date .....	17 June 2010

Title .....	<b>New Policy Document for Planning Obligations: Consultation</b>
Outline .....	This consultation seeks views from consultees on a new policy document on the use of planning obligations. The Government announced that it would consult on a new policy document for planning obligations in the December 2009 Pre-Budget Report. A new policy document is required in light of the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and reforms to planning obligations brought about by Final CIL Regulations 2010 which will come into force on 6 April 2010. In its final form, this policy document is intended to replace the Government's current policy contained in Circular 5/05: Planning Obligations, and form an annex to the new Development Management Planning Policy Statement on which the Government launched a consultation on 21 December 2009. In the meantime, the policy in Circular 5/05 continues to apply. Please note: A replacement version of this consultation document was published on 29 March 2010. This version now includes a new paragraph 1.28 (on page 11) and new Figure 4 (on page 20), and resultant changes to paragraph and page numbers. The closing date for responses has been extended accordingly to 21 June 2010.
Web link .....	<a href="#">New Policy Document for Planning Obligations: Consultation</a>
Launch date .....	25 March 2010
Deadline date .....	21 June 2010
Link to any further info .....	<a href="#">Consultation questions: New Policy Document for Planning Obligations</a>

## Publications and announcements

Title .....	<b>Public Service Agreement 16 (Socially Excluded Adults): Qualitative research on settled accommodation</b>
Outline .....	Communities and Local Government commissioned Opinion Leader to undertake research to widen the evidence base on the four settled accommodation indicators for PSA16, and in particular to explore the factors that increase and decrease the likelihood of PSA16 clients finding settled and suitable accommodation. If you would like more information on Public Service Agreement 16, or if you are interested in how services can work together to improve outcomes for PSA16 client groups <a href="#">Link Up Link In</a> (external link) can help. Link Up Link In aims to help front-line staff join up across services to support vulnerable people into homes and jobs and includes a range of data and case studies.
Contents of the report include:.....	Overall themes Key findings for each client group Adult offenders under probation supervision Adults with moderate to severe learning disabilities Care leavers at 19 Adults in contact with secondary mental health services Awareness of PSA 16 Systemic housing considerations, including Housing availability Local authority housing services (housing options homelessness assistance) Intentional homelessness Accessing private sector housing Affordability Meeting and managing clients' expectations Conclusions Client characteristics and experiences Service side issues Housing considerations How these factors combine for the client groups Implications for policy and practice Embedding PSA 16 in practice/ raising awareness Developing joined up working practices Caseload issues Ongoing support Housing considerations
Web link .....	<a href="#">Public Service Agreement 16 (Socially Excluded Adults): Qualitative research on settled accommodation (HTML format)</a>
Supporting link .....	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1462346.pdf">http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1462346.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1462351.pdf">http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1462351.pdf</a>
Date published .....	1 March 2010

Title .....	<b>Code for Sustainable Homes: A cost review</b>
Outline .....	This CLG-commissioned report presents the findings of research to update and enhance existing cost data for achieving different performance levels under the code for sustainable homes. It updates cost analysis of the code for sustainable homes final report, which reported on cost data research undertaken in 2007. This report supports the Code for Sustainable Homes: Impact assessment -December 2009. Whilst every effort has been made to develop accurate and representative cost analyses, it is important to remember that these are cost estimates and are not definitive.
Web link .....	<a href="#">Code for Sustainable Homes: A cost review (HTML format)</a>
Supporting link .....	<a href="#">Cost Analysis of The Code for Sustainable Homes: Final Report</a> <a href="#">Code for Sustainable Homes: Impact assessment - December 2009</a> <a href="#">Sustainable New Homes - The Road to Zero Carbon: Consultation on the Code for Sustainable Homes and the Energy Efficiency standard for Zero Carbon Homes</a>
Date published .....	12 March 2010

Title .....	<b>A Cost Benefit Analysis of Options to Reduce the Risk of Fire and Rescue in Areas of New Build Homes</b>
Outline .....	This CLG report presents the findings from a study into the costs and benefits of options to address the fire and community safety needs of areas of new build housing.
Web link .....	<a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/fire/pdf/costbenefitfirenewbuild.pdf">http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/fire/pdf/costbenefitfirenewbuild.pdf</a>
Date published .....	12 March 2010

Title .....	<b>Handypersons Financial Benefits Toolkit</b>
Outline .....	The Handyperson Financial Benefits Toolkit (provided below as an MS Excel spreadsheet) uses available evidence on the aims, objectives, outcomes and benefits of handyperson services and similar interventions to help put together a case for the future funding of handyperson services locally. It uses an approach to estimating the benefits of social policy interventions that has previously been used in a number of areas and will be familiar to anyone who has used the Supporting People Financial Benefits Model. This guidance is provided as an aid for using the Tool for developing a business case for handyperson services. Handyperson services are complex in nature, varying across local authority areas and in the nature of services interventions delivered. The examples and guidance provided are not intended to be exhaustive but are aimed at providing a checklist of key details to be included within the business case. This guidance consists of three sections: ..... How to use the tool to extract the data for specific handyperson services. ..... A detailed look at the evidence used to develop the Handyperson Services Financial Benefits Tool. ..... An overview of how to develop a business case for handyperson services.
Web link .....	<a href="#">Handypersons Financial Benefits Toolkit (pdf)</a>
Supporting link .....	<a href="#">Handypersons Financial Benefits Toolkit (EXCEL)</a>
Date published .....	24 March 2010

Title .....	<b>IDEA: Health needs of Gypsies and Travellers</b>
Outline .....	Gypsies and Travellers often die relatively young and can be affected by preventable health problems. In England comprehensive data on Gypsy and Traveller demographics is seldom gathered, so the best way to help an isolated group that confronts prejudice is often missed. This review explores the fundamental health needs of Gypsies and Travellers.
Web link .....	<a href="http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelD=17917440">http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelD=17917440</a>
Date published .....	23 March 2010

Title .....	<b>Single Equality Scheme 2010-2013</b>
Outline .....	This three-year Single Equality Scheme describes the outcomes Communities and Local Government (CLG) are aiming for in order to fulfil moral, social and legal obligations and to put equality at the heart of everything that CLG does.
Web link .....	<a href="#">Single Equality Scheme 2010-2013</a>
Date published .....	26 March 2010

Title .....	<b>Meeting the challenge: market analysis</b>
Outline .....	This Homes and Communities Agency report outlines current conditions in the housing market and development industry. Findings from the Housing Finance Group. The Housing Finance Group (HFG) was established in June HFFO in order to explore the following question: 'Given the impact of the recession on housing delivery, and possible reductions in future public spending, what mechanisms can be introduced to increase the amount of private finance available to assist housing delivery?' ..... The focus of the work of the group is on three key areas: ..... • Financing continued private sector development ..... • Maximising affordable housing delivery ..... • Funding sustainable improvements to existing residential stock. ..... The discussion is focusing principally on the role of finance and opportunities to encourage private finance. The HFG feels that areas such as planning, rental regime, housing benefit or tenure policy are outside its remit. We anticipate a further report shortly, which sets out our conclusions and recommendations.
Web link .....	<a href="http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/public/documents/HFG.pdf">http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/public/documents/HFG.pdf</a>
Date published .....	26 March 2010

Title .....	<b>Cambridgeshire County Council's Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan</b>
Outline .....	From 1 September to 24 November 2009, we ran a public consultation on the Council's draft Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan, to give you the opportunity to tell us how you want to be involved in decisions that affect you. ..... The strategy sets out our ambitions for ensuring that people in Cambridgeshire have the skills and confidence to take part in decision-making, and to be able to shape their local area and the services they receive, whether they live in a rural community, a market town or in our cities. The action plan sets out how we will achieve our ambitions, and will be monitored on a regular basis. ..... Your views have helped us shape the final strategy and action plan, which were approved by the County Council's Cabinet on 23 February 2010. These documents and summaries of the feedback from the consultation surveys and workshops can be found on the right of this page. Many thanks to all who contributed their views to the consultation.
Web link .....	Strategy: <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/F59D6082-A607-45B5-9FCA-9B5931D39C1B/0/CommunityEngagementStrategy.pdf">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/F59D6082-A607-45B5-9FCA-9B5931D39C1B/0/CommunityEngagementStrategy.pdf</a> ..... Action pan: <a href="http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/B6010184-56C2-47DF-BF66-FE51F3D02BFC/0/CommunityEngagementActionPlan.pdf">http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/B6010184-56C2-47DF-BF66-FE51F3D02BFC/0/CommunityEngagementActionPlan.pdf</a>
Date published .....	1 March 2010