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The Draft HRA Subsidy Determination 2009-10	The Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Determination 2009-10, and the Item 8 Credit and Item 8 Debit (General) Determination 2009-10 together with supporting papers and explanatory notes.	http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/hrasubsidydetermination2009-10	28 October 2008	9 December 2008	
New proposals to tackle rural housing shortages	<p>New powers to help keep homes affordable for communities in rural areas were set out today as Housing Minister Iain Wright launched two consultations. Under the proposed new powers, rural communities with severe housing shortages could be designated as protected areas ensuring affordable housing is retained for local families.</p> <p>The new proposals would also enable all affordable housing providers in these protected areas to retain a share in new shared ownership homes, or have the first option to buy back such properties, ensuring they remain available for future families in the local community.</p> <p>In a further step announced today, first-time buyers in rural areas could own a home for as little as £60,000 through a consultation to expand Community Land Trusts (CLTs). Through CLTs, buyers only pay for the building, not the land, of a property. For example, Holsworthy Community Property Trust in Devon is already offering local people flats that cost £115,000 for prices as low as £59,500.</p>	<p>Consultation on Shared Ownership and Leasehold Enfranchisement: www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/protectedareasconsultation Consultation on Community Land Trust: Making It Happen www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/communitylandtrust Article http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/988472</p>	8 October 2008	31 December 2008	

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Developing homes for a changing climate	This report is an assessment of the approach of the top 20 UK homebuilders – a group who last year built over 60% of new homes – to addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation issues. With our homes producing at least 27% of total UK carbon emissions, and the energy, water and material intensive nature of the construction industry, the longer term imperative to continue to progress towards a more sustainable built environment has not disappeared in light of the current market meltdown; indeed it is only likely to become more pressing.	http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/upload/pdf/Developing_homes_changing_climate_full.pdf	29 Oct 2008	
It's good to talk (Idea)	This paper describes how councils are increasingly working together to deliver plans for affordable housing. Includes examples of MAAs in action.	http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageld=8917023	10 Oct 08	
Housing Corporation: In brief - Learning from financial problems	This report summarises good practice guidance for associations on financial management. The guidance derives from research into associations' difficulties and includes advice on liquidity and treasury management, control of growth, business planning, project appraisal, stock investment, management accounting, accounting policies and audit.	http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.15300/changeNav/440	22 Oct 08	
The Recession and Credit Crunch in England's Rural Economies	This report looks at how rural economies are coping with the economic downturn.	http://www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/files/Recession%20&%20CC%20report%20211008.pdf	23 Oct -8	
Countdown to the Homes and Communities Agency: Board announced	The board of England's new housing and regeneration agency has been appointed. Chairman Robert Napier will be joined on the board of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) by Kate Barker, Professor Peter Roberts, Bob Lane, Candy Atherton, Margaret Fay, Shaukat Moledina, Don Wood, Ian Robertson and Dru Vesty.	http://www.englishpartnerships.co.uk/page.aspx?pointerID=C8524A1D1A7C4494973CC26DAA9A0CE5&year=2008&page=1	17 Oct 08	

Changes to methodology for short-notice inspections	This is a summary of responses to the proposed changes to the methodology for short-notice inspections of housing associations.	http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/reports/NATIONAL-REPORT.asp?CategoryID=&ProdID=D0F62487-7172-4B28-968B-D6BADED29A98&fromREPORTSANDDATA=NATIONAL-REPORT	Oct 08	
TSA membership launched	Board members for the Tenant Services Authority and Homes and Communities Agency were announced by Housing Minister Iain Wright today. For the first time, tenants in social housing will have a voice at the heart of government, as two tenants join experts appointed to the board of the new Tenant Services Authority (TSA). Julie Fawcett and Dennis Rees, tenants of housing association and local authority managed homes, join Anthony Mayer (Chair), Julian Ashby, Jim Coulter, Pauleen Lane, Sheila Drew Smith and Donald Hoodless on the TSA board.	http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/996383	17 Oct 08	
HomeBuy Direct Prospectus	This prospectus describes the bringing together of government-sponsored low-cost home owner initiatives under one banner, HomeBuy.	http://www.housingcorp.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.15184/changeNav/440	8 Oct 08	
Sale and rent back: an OFT market study	This report from the Office of Fair Trading looks at the sale and rent back sector. It claims that the sector needs statutory regulation with better protection for consumers.	http://www.offt.gov.uk/shared_offt/reports/consumer_protection/oft1018.pdf	15 Oct 08	