

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTERNAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Hotson (Chairman)
Councillors Marchant, Mrs Parvin, Paterson,
Sherreard, Batt and Yates

APOLOGIES Councillor Mrs Gibson

36. Web-casting.

Resolved:

That all items on the agenda be web-cast.

37. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Gibson.

38. Notification of Substitute Members.

It was noted that Councillor Butler was substituting for Councillor Mrs Gibson.

39. Notification of Visiting Members.

It was noted that Councillor Warner was present as a visiting Member.

40. Disclosures by Members and Officers:

There were no disclosures.

41. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.

Resolved: That all items be taken in public as proposed.

42. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009.

With regard to the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009, it was requested that the word 'the' be removed from the end of the sixth paragraph of minute № 28 so that it would read '...did not receive consideration'. The Committee agreed to add the word 'an' into the last sentence of the fifth paragraph of minute № 29, so that it would read '...were undertaking a user survey in an attempt to demonstrate this'. Finally, it was requested that the word 'routes' in the second paragraph of minute № 30, be replaced with the word 'triggers'.

A Councillor referred to the discussion of the Sustainable Communities Act which took place at the last Committee meeting, and presented to the Committee a list of all proposals that were made under the Act by the July deadline (Appendix A). In particular, the Committee's attention was drawn to a request by the Borough of Poole for the delegation of greater powers to Local Authorities to control and direct the nature of local transport. Herefordshire Borough Council also made a number of requests with regard to transport infrastructure, including the extension of the commuter train network, the creation of a public transport governing body, and that all settlements should be able to access a public transport service. In addition, Wiltshire Borough Council requested that the Sustainable Communities Act consultation process should not just be a one off but be ongoing or at least be held once a year.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009 be agreed and duly signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments:

- 1) that the word 'the' be removed from the end of the sixth paragraph of minute № 28 so that it would read '...did not receive consideration';
- 2) to add the word 'an' into the last sentence of the fifth paragraph of minute № 29, so that it would read '...were undertaking a user survey in *an* attempt to demonstrate this'; and
- 3) that the word 'routes' in the second paragraph of minute № 30, be replaced with the word 'triggers'.

43. Maidstone Rail Services Review: Officer's Perspective.

The Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy, Mr Brian Morgan, reminded the Committee that the Council and Kent County Council (KCC) had both formally responded to Network Rail with regard to the proposed changes to rail services outlined within the Kent Rail Utilisation Strategy (RUS). He identified that there were three key issues to consider with regard to rail services for the Borough; the 2010 timetable, the future provision of services in Maidstone, and the Medway Valley line.

The Committee was informed that the Council had raised concern with regard to rail services during 2005. In particular it was considered that there was a need for a fast link from Maidstone into Central London, along with improved services from rural areas into Maidstone; that the rail operator at the time lacked knowledge of the necessity of services; and the operator did not possess accurate usage records or consider the issue of latent demand fully. Latent demand was suggested by the number of people catching trains from Staplehurst, Headcorn and Sevenoaks instead of Maidstone. Since this time, the South East Plan had identified Maidstone as a transport hub within Kent, and awarded the area growth

point status. This required the creation of 11, 080 new dwellings and 5 – 10,000 new jobs between 2006 and 2026.

A Member noted that Members of Parliament (MPs) had visited the Minister for Transport to lobby against the cuts in services between Maidstone and Cannon Street, and asked what ongoing involvement the MPs would have with the issue. Mr Morgan stated that there were no immediate plans to continue to involve MPs, though this would take place if required. The Committee agreed that the Leader of the Council should lobby the Members of Parliament for Maidstone with regard to improving the rail services within Maidstone.

A Councillor questioned how the South East Plan, the South East Transport Plan and the Kent Transport Plan linked together, and how this impacted on rail services provided. Mr Morgan explained that the South East Transport Plan identified that Maidstone, as the County Town, acted as the transport hub for the local and the wider area. The South East Plan considered land use within the borough and identified certain types of development that should take place with regard to transport infrastructure, and more generally within Maidstone. The KCC transport plan would set out how transport should be provided within Kent. As the Government outlined what it was that each rail franchise should provide, the Council must aim to influence the decisions of the Government. Furthermore, in response to a question, the Committee was informed that Network Rail had made no comment with regard to Maidstone's status as a growth point or a transport hub. It was requested that a member of Network Rail who had been involved with the development of the RUS be invited to speak to the Committee.

A Councillor asked about how public transport was integrated and Mr Morgan responded that the Integrated Transport Strategy addressed this. This would be revisited when the Core Strategy was complete. The redevelopment of Maidstone East station would improve the integration of rail, bus and taxi services.

Members were told that the 2010 timetable removed the fast services into Cannon Street via Maidstone. As a result, people who commuted into Central London must travel via London Victoria, which would increase journey times by up to 40 minutes. It was emphasised to the Committee that this would most probably deter commuters to London from residing within the borough, and for businesses to locate within the area. Mr Morgan informed the Committee that evidence already suggested that professional people were leaving Maidstone in order to reside within towns with more efficient services into and out of London. A Member suggested that it might be of value to establish the number of school children who travelled to school using rail services, as, it was suggested, these children would be likely to continue to use rail services in the future.

The Kent RUS and the South East London RUS outlined potential future services, including a link to the Thameslink project and/or the High Speed peak shuttle service. Nevertheless, these services were not to be considered for implementation until 2015. Mr Morgan told the Committee

that in order to secure the extension of the High Speed peak shuttle service to Maidstone, as opposed to Ashford, a strong economic case to justify this must be made. Furthermore, although cuts to some services would be necessary to facilitate the work required to develop the Thameslink, this would not be the case until 2013 and so did not adequately justify the timetable changes for 2010.

With regard to the proposed cuts to the Maidstone-Cannon Street service, Members were told that six weeks additional time had been allocated to enable the Rail User Groups within Tonbridge and Malling and Maidstone to collect actual usage figures, and identify those people who travelled by car to stations where they were able to access more efficient services. The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to assist with the, or carry out a similar, survey to establish this data, though noted that there could be a significant cost involved. It was also questioned whether the last Census may be able to provide useful information with regard to the number of people using the rail services.

Members were told that the Council would be focussing on constructing sound economic reasoning as to why the High Speed peak shuttle should run to Maidstone. The Economic Development Manager, the Planning Policy Manager and the Public Transport Officer would be working to establish the economic benefits of the proposal. The Council would also continue to work closely with KCC who were due, very soon, to release the latest Kent Transport Plan. Partnership working would continue to be encouraged, particularly with KCC and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

The Public Transport Officer, Mr Clive Cheeseman informed the Committee that the Medway Valley Line had improved since the establishment of the Medway Valley Community Rail Partnership which had encouraged community and Member involvement. The biggest problem the Partnership was experiencing was the funding of the worker who was employed for two days a week to assist with its organisation. It was requested that Members be kept informed of the meetings and events regarding the Medway Valley Community Rail Partnership.

In response to a question Mr Morgan informed the Committee that he would report back to Members with regard to the possibility of the conversion of the Hayes Branch, as mentioned in the Kent RUS, being of benefit to Maidstone. The Committee also requested that Mr Morgan and Mr Cheeseman provide Members with a written update once the response to the RUS consultation was known.

Resolved: That

- a) the Leader of the Council lobby the Members of Parliament for Maidstone with regard to improving the rail services offered for the town and in particular to follow up the letter from the Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy to Network Rail dated July 2009;

- b) the Committee requests a full consultation of rail users in Maidstone to assist with its review and future lobbying by Maidstone Borough Council and the Maidstone Area Rail Users Group. The content of this consultation should be developed with the Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy, the Maidstone Area Rail Users Group and representatives of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- c) The Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy report back to the Committee on how the conversion of the Hayes branch, as outlined in the Kent Rail Utilisation Strategy, would benefit Maidstone, and on what information on public transport usage in the Borough is available from the UK National Census;
- d) The Assistant Director of Development and Community Strategy and the Public Transport Officer provide a written statement to the Committee in one month to update on further action taken with regard to rail services and responses to his letter of July 2009;
- e) A representative of Network Rail be invited to a future meeting of the Committee;
- f) Information on how school pupils get to and from school be provided to the Committee; and
- g) The Public Transport Officer inform the Committee when events regarding the Medway Valley Line are due to take place.

44. Maidstone Rail Services Review: A Member's Perspective.

The Council's Railway Champion, Councillor Malcolm Robertson informed the Committee that he was of the opinion that the train operating companies (TOCs) operating in Maidstone had always failed to consider appropriately the issue of latent demand. He informed the Committee that at the time that the service had been franchised to Connex, the Council, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, KCC and Ashford Borough Council all lobbied for the inclusion of a fast service into Cannon Street as part of the minimum service requirement of the franchise. The Local Authorities failed to secure this as a minimum requirement, however until these latest proposals, the TOCs had maintained the service. Councillor Robertson suggested that this was an example of the franchisee manipulating a monopoly situation contrary to the public interest. The removal of this service would result in significant overhead savings, and the majority of customers would use an alternative service run by the same company. Therefore the franchisee would lose little revenue generated by fares.

A Member questioned whether there was any realistic possibility that the fast service from Maidstone to Cannon Street would be maintained. Councillor Robertson identified that Mike Gibson, of Southeastern Railways, had confirmed that the company had recently been asked by the Department for Transport (DfT) "to put an option to them to operate a limited peak/shoulder peak service via Maidstone East to London Canon Street and Charing Cross along the lines of what is operated today". A decision on this matter was expected to be given within two weeks.

It was highlighted to the Committee that although the Kent RUS made some beneficial tentative proposals for the future, it did not provide a sustainable service in the short term to replace that being withdrawn by the TOC.

Councillor Robertson identified that a 'taster service' of the new High Speed trains had been running between Ashford and St Pancras for three weeks. Southeastern had noted that there had been a particularly large number of commuters who had opted to travel on the High Speed service as opposed to the traditional rolling stock, despite the additional cost. He expressed concern at the possible future effects of reduced numbers travelling on the 'classic' services.

In respect of one of the RUS proposals, Councillor Robertson noted that it has been suggested it would be cheaper to run the future additional fast shuttle service into Maidstone as opposed to Ashford, however it would still require considerable costs. Running the service to Ashford would require Eurostar to share the platform it currently used, which it did not wish to do. However, Ashford remained the operator's preferred option and it was up to Maidstone to put forward a convincing business case for it to come to Maidstone.

A Member commented that sustainability was the key to the provision of these services, and that the general public should be aware of the work that the Council was doing. Furthermore, it was important to consider people who were travelling into the borough, as well as out of it to London.

45. Maidstone Railways Review: Scoping.

With regard to the scoping of the Maidstone Rail Services review, the Committee agreed to remove 'To investigate what level of service would be best for Maidstone' from the list of objectives. A Member requested that the National Census be added to areas from which evidence could be sought, and information should be obtained with regard to car park capacity and usage, , and fares into London from various stations. It was also requested that service users travelling into Maidstone should be spoken to.

Resolved:

That:

- a) 'To investigate what level of service would be best for Maidstone' be removed from the list of objectives;
- b) The use of Census data be added to the sources of evidence;
- c) Evidence be collated with regard to car park capacity and train fares; and
- d) Service users travelling into Maidstone be spoken in addition to those travelling from Maidstone to London.

46. Future Work Programme and Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

The Acting Overview and Scrutiny Manager, Louise Smith, informed the Committee that it would next meet as the Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise the Safer Maidstone Partnership. Further to the Committee's agreement at its previous meeting, a co-optee had been arranged from Kent Police Authority, and the Committee would be required to formally agree to co-opt him as a voting member. Anyone with concerns with regard to this matter was requested to contact Miss Smith.

It had been arranged that the Chief Executives of West Kent Primary Care Trust and the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust would attend the Committee's meeting in October.

Resolved: That the Future Work Programme be noted.

47. Duration of the Meeting

Start: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Lead authority Name	Authority Type	Region	If Joint proposal list other authorities	One line summary	Proposal theme
Adur District	District	SE	Worthing Borough Councils	Reform the Housing Revenue Account in particular the ability to retain 100% of rent received from council housing.	Housing
Adur District	District	SE	Worthing Borough Councils	South Downs National Park delegation of Planning Powers to Local Authorities	Planning
Adur District	District	SE	Worthing Borough Councils	Increased local democratic decision making and accountability, local representation on NHS trusts and quangos.	Democratic renewal
Ashford Borough Council	District	SE		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,	Planning
Bath & North East Somerset Council	Unitary	SW		Voting age to be reduced to 16 years old	Democratic renewal
Bexley London Borough Council	LB	GL		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	Transport
Birmingham City Council	Met	WM		Promote local renewable energy by: • Remove barriers to the local grid. In particular lifting the ceilings on the use of private electricity wires to supply domestic customers,	Environmental sustainability
Birmingham City Council	Met	WM		Promoting small business by increasing rate relief.	Finance
Birmingham City Council	Met	WM		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	WM		Introduce Accelerated Development Zones (ADZs).	Regeneration and Economic Development

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Birmingham City Council	Met	WM		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;	Local Services
Birmingham City Council	Met	WM		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	Environmental sustainability
Birmingham City Council	Met	WM		Increase local food production by: • Revising allotment legislation to encourage and facilitate Local Authorities to provide more allotments, community gardens,	Environmental sustainability
Birmingham City Council	Met	WM		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	SW		For greater flexibility to be given to local authorities on spending of ring fenced grants	Finance
Borough of Poole	Unitary	SW		For Planning Inspectors appointed to determine appeals to have and connection with and knowledge of the local area.	Planning
Borough of Poole	Unitary	SW		Delegation of greater powers to Local Authorities to control and direct the nature of Local Public Transport.	Transport
Borough of Poole	Unitary	SW		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	Housing
Borough of Poole	Unitary	SW		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	SW		The ability to retain and influence the setting of the National non-domestic Rate collected by the Authority.	Finance

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Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		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	Transport
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		To allow allotment holders to sell their surplus product to local shops.	Environmental sustainability
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		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	Finance
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		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	Finance
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		That national planning policy, specifically Planning Policy Statement 1, is changed to explicitly support localised food systems, thereby encouraging the provision of food infrastructure	Planning
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		To change legislation that prohibits local authorities from borrowing against their social housing rental income.	Housing
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		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	Environmental sustainability
Brighton & Hove City Council	Unitary	SE		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	SE		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	SW		Government to extend Business Rate Relief to provide the same relief to urban Post Offices as rural.	Finance

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Bristol City Council	Unitary	SW		Reduce commercial and industrial waste.	Environmental sustainability
Bristol City Council	Unitary	SW		Establish statutory biodiversity/eco footprint data in planning applications.	Environmental sustainability
Bristol City Council	Unitary	SW		Reduce VAT on Property Refurbishment and Brownfield Site development to zero%.	Housing
Bristol City Council	Unitary	SW		Encourage car clubs through exemption from congestion charges and free road fund licences.	Transport
Bristol City Council	Unitary	SW		Place a tax on the purchase of plastic bags by retailers.	Environmental sustainability
↳ Bristol City Council	Unitary	SW		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	SW		Supporting independent shops in local town centres.	Planning
Burnley Borough Council	District	NW		Seelctive landlord licensing and changes to the CPO regime.	Housing
Bury Metropolitan Borough	Met	NW		Add "protecting and improving public health" to the 4 existing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003	Health
Cambridge City Council	District	E		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	Transport

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Cambridge City Council	District	E		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
Cambridge City Council	District	E		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	Housing
Cambridge City Council	District	E		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	Environmental sustainability
Central Bedfordshire Council	Unitary	E		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.	Environmental sustainability
Cheshire West and Chester	Unitary	NW		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	Regulatory services
Chorley Borough Council	District	NW		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	NW		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	NW		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	Finance
City of York Council	Unitary	YH		Bring commercial waste into councils' targets for increasing recycling	Environmental sustainability
City of York Council	Unitary	YH		Accelerate actions regarding the creation of low carbon communities;	Environmental sustainability

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City of York Council	Unitary	YH		Re-regulation of bus services	Transport
City of York Council	Unitary	YH		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.	Transport
City of York Council	Unitary	YH		That "Business Rates are retained locally for spending on sustainability (including economic) by council"	Finance
City of York Council	Unitary	YH		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	YH		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	Environmental sustainability
London Borough Council	LB	GL		Establish Local Appeals Boards to determine planning appeals on minor applications.	Planning
Darlington Borough Council	Unitary	NE		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	Health
Darlington Borough Council	Unitary	NE		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	NE		A revised Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) to better target local deprivation	Regeneration and Economic Development
Darlington Borough Council	Unitary	NE		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	Health

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Doncaster Metropolitan Borough	Met	YH		Making local Post Offices more sustainable	Local Services
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough	Met	YH		Empowering parish councils in the planning process	Planning
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough	Met	YH		Enable local authorities to encourage local businesses to promote sustainability through the business rates reliefs system	Finance
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough	Met	YH		Universal concessionary pass for young people is implemented across the country.	Transport
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough	Met	YH		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	Environmental sustainability
Dorset County Council	County	SW	Christchurch Borough Council Dorset 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	SW	Dorset County Council West Dorset District	That the Secretary of State for Transport amends the powers of the Highway Agency as follows:	Transport
East Devon District Council	District	SW		Providing more affordable housing in East Devon for local people	Housing
East Lindsey District Council	District	EM		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	Democratic renewal
East Lindsey District Council	District	EM		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

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East Lindsey District Council	District	EM		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	Local Services
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Unitary	YH		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	YH		The removal of an age restriction to Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	Adult social care
Essex County Council	County	E		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	E		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	E		Develop joint arrangements for commissioning non-emergency patient transport services (PTS). To this end, it is proposed that the Secretary of State:	Health
Essex County Council	County	E		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	Democratic renewal
Essex County Council	County	E		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	E		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
Exeter City Council	District	SW		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	Finance

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Exeter City Council	District	SW		Ensure that all buses in rural areas are capable of carrying at least two bikes on externally secured bike carriers.	Transport
Hackney London Borough	LB	GL		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	Planning
Hammersmith and Fulham London	LB	GL		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	Regeneration and Economic Development
Hampshire County Council	County	SE		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	Planning
Harrow London Borough Council	LB	GL		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	Planning
Hastings Borough	District	SE		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	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		It is proposed that high-speed broadband is provided throughout the county.	Local Services
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Local lettings policy for existing housing stock.	Housing
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Twin-tracking the line between Hereford and Ledbury	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Work experience on farms as part of the national curriculum.	Children and young people

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Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Designating the Herefordshire Black Mountains as an area of outstanding national beauty.	Environmental sustainability
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Re-opening the Herefordshire to Gloucestershire canal.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		The Highways Agency should be required to take into account and act upon local needs.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Establish/Re-establish train stations on existing lines in the County	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Establish Post Banks in local Post Offices.	Local Services
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Considering the impact and engaging with the local community when moving or closing public services.	Local Services
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Reduced VAT on building conversions	Housing
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Extension of the commuter train network.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		Creating a public transport governing body.	Transport
Herefordshire Council	Unitary	WM		All settlements should have the right to access a public transport service.	Transport

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High Peak Borough Council	District	EM		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	Transport
Islington London Borough	LB	GL		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	LB	GL		For the local authority to take over the licensing and enforcement of footways along red routes.	Transport
Islington London Borough	LB	GL		Increase the amount of waste that businesses recycle	Environmental sustainability
Islington London Borough	LB	GL		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	LB	GL		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	LB	GL		Freedoms for local authorities to discourage empty homes.	Housing
Islington London Borough	LB	GL		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	LB	GL		For local authorities to keep and spend business rates collected in their area to spend on local services and priorities.	Finance
Islington London Borough	LB	GL		To transfer functions from the London Mayor to borough level to give each borough the final say on tall buildings.	Planning

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Islington London Borough	LB	GL		To protect and promote neighbourhood shopping centres.	Planning
Islington London Borough	LB	GL		Extend the notice period for temporary event notices.	Regulatory services
Islington London Borough	LB	GL		Require leaseholders to keep and provide evidence that gas safety checks have been carried out in their properties.	Housing
Kent County Council	County	SE		Change in Government policy to allow recourse to government funding in the provision of MotorWay Service Areas.	Transport
Kent County Council	County	SE		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	District	EM		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	Safer and stronger Communities
Kettering Borough	District	EM		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	District	EM		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	LB	GL		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	Safer and stronger Communities
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough	LB	GL		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	Finance

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Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough	LB	GL		Overtuning the Greenwich Judgement	Children and young people
Lambeth London Borough	LB	GL		Variable National Non Domestic Rates for those businesses that deliver social benefits	Finance
Lambeth London Borough	LB	GL		New powers to use empty commercial properties for 3rd sector/social enterprises.	Regeneration and Economic Development
Lambeth London Borough	LB	GL		Stopping Land Banking	Planning
Leeds City Council	Met	YH		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
Lewes District Council	District	SE		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	SE		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	SE		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	SE		"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.	Democratic renewal
Lewes District Council	District	SE		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

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Lewes District Council	District	SE		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	SE		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	Regeneration and Economic Development
Lewes District Council	District	SE		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	Democratic renewal
London Borough Council	LB	GL		Gambling and Bookmakers.	Regulatory services
London Borough Council	LB	GL		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	NW		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-	Local Services
Liverpool City Council	Met	NW		Allow local authorities to retain business rates for local spending.	Finance
Liverpool City Council	Met	NW		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	Environmental sustainability
Liverpool City Council	Met	NW		Make it possible for communities to have mandatory lease rights on disused land, and unoccupied buildings from private owners	Planning
Liverpool City Council	Met	NW		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

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Liverpool City Council	Met	NW		Amend licensing legislation to prevent alcohol licences being granted at any premises which sell petrol.	Regulatory services
Liverpool City Council	Met	NW		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	Local Services
Liverpool City Council	Met	NW		Change legislation to allow proximity ie 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
Maldon District Council	District	E		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	Planning
Mid Devon District Council	District	SW		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	SE		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	District	WM		That Government should promote the decentralisation of services in order to reduce long-distance traffic.	Environmental sustainability
Newcastle under Lyme Borough	District	WM		That Government should incentivise the generation of power within local communities' for local consumption.	Environmental sustainability
Newcastle under Lyme Borough	District	WM		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	District	WM		That Government should direct farming policy to prioritise the growing of organic and a greater variety of foods for local consumption.	Environmental sustainability

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Newcastle under Lyme Borough	District	WM		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
Newcastle under Lyme Borough	District	WM		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	NE		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	Transport
Newcastle upon Tyne City Council	Met	NE		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	Local Services
Norfolk County Council	County	E		More effective flood warning systems.	Environmental sustainability
North Dorset District Council	District	SW	Dorset County Council	a. Remove capping limit for rural LAs, or apply or reinstate an independently assessed baseline de minimus.	Finance
North Dorset District Council	District	SW	Christchurch Borough Council Weymouth and	Changes the basis for calculation of the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive.	Finance
North Somerset Council	Unitary	SW		Revision of Planning Laws to achieve less commuter travel.	Planning
North Somerset Council	Unitary	SW		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	SW		To modify regulations in the Local Transport Act 2008 and the Concessionary Bus Travel (permits) (England) Regulations 2008	Transport

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North Yorkshire County Council	County	YH	Craven District Council, Hambleton District Council,	That the government introduces a range of measures to promote energy efficiency.	Environmental sustainability
North Yorkshire County Council	County	YH	Craven District Council, Hambleton District Council,	Improve labelling of food to promote local produce.	Environmental sustainability
North Yorkshire County Council	County	YH	Craven District Council, Hambleton District Council,	Change the State Aid rules to allow Nynet directly to local businesses and residents	Regeneration and Economic Development
Norwich City Council	District	E		Introduce, a 'Power of Care' element to the existing lasting power of attorney.	Adult social care
Nottingham City Council	Unitary	EM		To improve the provision of environmental services and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Nottingham - new powers to address:	Safer and stronger Communities
Nottingham City Council	Unitary	EM		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	Housing
Nottingham City Council	Unitary	EM		That the Government make some changes to legislation to help tackle the following issues: - Littering from cars	Safer and stronger Communities
Oxford City Council	District	SE		The City Council is asking for Secretary of State Approval to introduce an Oxford City wide Licensing Scheme.	Health
Oxford City Council	District	SE		Tackling Flood Risk	Environmental sustainability
Oxford City Council	District	SE		Creating a new Planning Use Class; Promoting and supporting local businesses through a more flexible Business Rate Relief system	Planning

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Oxford City Council	District	SE		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)	Planning
Oxfordshire County Council	County	SE		Proposal for an Oxfordshire Adult Skills Agency	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Pendle Borough Council	District	NW		Introduce a Landlord Licensing scheme	Housing
Redbridge London Borough	LB	GL		A review of the current signs Regulations and General Direction to relax the illumination requirements for some road signs.	Transport
Redbridge London Borough	LB	GL		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	LB	GL		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	Planning
Redcar & Cleveland Borough	Unitary	NE		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
Redcar & Cleveland Borough	Unitary	NE		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	YH	Harrogate Borough Council and Scarborough	Change to the law to make it a legal obligation for Local Government to provide public toilets	Local Services
Rother District Council	District	SE		Preserving the public realm and improving the quality of life in rural villages.	Transport

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Rother District Council	District	SE		Transfer New Road Money to Tree and Green Space Provision	Environmental sustainability
Rother District Council	District	SE		Merton Rule.	Environmental sustainability
Rother District Council	District	SE		Protection for allotments.	Environmental sustainability
Rother District Council	District	SE		Duty to maintain and wherever possible enhance the quality of the public realm on public bodies.	Safer and stronger Communities
Ryedale District Council,	District	YH	Craven District Council, Hambleton District Council,	Regulation of the price of bottled gas/Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG).	Environmental sustainability
Ryedale District Council,	District	YH	Craven District Council, Hambleton District Council,	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	YH		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	Planning
Sheffield City Council	Met	YH		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	YH		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,	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Sheffield City Council	Met	YH		That Sheffield City Council should be given responsibility for maintaining and sustaining the local Post Office network in our local area.	Local Services

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South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	SW		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	SW		Prevention of Flooding in the Village of Aust	Environmental sustainability
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	SW		Automatic Rate Relief for Business.	Finance
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	SW		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	SW		Remove the Gypsy and Traveller DPD Direction	Planning
South Gloucestershire Council	Unitary	SW		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	SW		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,	Local Services
South Hams District Council	District	SW		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	SW		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	Housing
South Hams District Council	District	SW		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

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South Hams District Council	District	SW		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	Finance
South Hams District Council	District	SW		Community Asset Transfer	Local Services
South Hams District Council	District	SW		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	SW		Network of Safe Cycle Routes.	Transport
South Hams District Council	District	SW		Adapting Green Spaces to Climate Change	Environmental sustainability
South Hams District Council	District	SW		Local Renewable Energy Provision.	Environmental sustainability
South Hams District Council	District	SW		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	EM		Our proposal asks the government to allow the council to retain 100% of the rent it collects from its housing stock.	Housing
South Lakeland District Council	District	NW		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	SW		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

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South Somerset District Council	District	SW		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	SW		Ensure that any new-build housing development provides some of its own energy from renewable resources.	Environmental sustainability
South Somerset District Council	District	SW		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
Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	NE		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
Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	NE		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	Environmental sustainability
Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	NE		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	Housing
Metropolitan Borough Council	Met	NE		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	SE		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	SE		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	SE		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	Environmental sustainability

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Southend-on-Sea Borough Council	Unitary	E		To implement a comprehensive package of neighbourhood support, engagement and training opportunities to improve and sustain life chances of local communities in Southend.	Democratic renewal
Southwark Council	LB	GL		To relax the legal requirement for 20mph zones that every street must have self-enforcing calming measures.	Transport
Southwark Council	LB	GL		Establish a national Plastic Bag Free day to coincide with the International event.	Environmental sustainability
Southwark Council	LB	GL		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.	Environmental sustainability
Southwark Council	LB	GL		Create a tax regime which encourages sustainable commuting.	Transport
Southwark Council	LB	GL		Support public sector leaseholders to pay their major works service charges by incentivising them to make regular payments.	Housing
Southwark Council	LB	GL		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	GL		Introduce a permissive regime that enables local authorities to prioritise permaculture design principles in local planning policy.	Planning
St Albans City and District	District	E		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	Finance
St Albans City and District	District	E		Practice based commissioning and scrutiny	Health

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Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	District	WM		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	Transport
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Unitary	NE		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	Planning
Stroud District Council	District	SW		Reform of the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy arrangements	Housing
Suffolk Coastal District Council	County	E		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	Regulatory services
Suffolk Coastal District Council	County	E		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	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Sutton London Borough Council	LB	GL		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	SW		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	SW		Government to review restrictions on conservation of buildings to allow the use of more energy efficient materials.	Environmental sustainability
Teignbridge District Council	District	SW		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	SW		Provision of enhanced public transport in rural areas.	Transport

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Torridge District Council	District	SW		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	Housing
Torridge District Council	District	SW		That second home owners should pay 100% of the council tax and that all income raised remains locally.	Housing
Torridge District Council	District	SW		Assist local communities in making their village halls self sustaining.	Regulatory services
Torridge District Council	District	SW		Fundamental change to Planning Policy Statements 7 and 3.	Planning
Torridge District Council	District	SW		Financial penalties on retrospective planning applications.	Planning
Trafford Metropolitan Borough	Met	NW		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	Planning
Waltham Forest London Borough	LB	GL		Adapt legislation to make it easier to take control of abandoned patches of land.	Planning
Waltham Forest London Borough	LB	GL		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	LB	GL		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	LB	GL		Allow discounts on business rates to be set by local criteria.	Finance

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Waltham Forest London Borough	LB	GL		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	Environmental sustainability
Warrington Borough Council	Unitary	NW		Supporting people beyond work placements, into full time, paid employment and fundamentally creating these opportunities.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Warrington Borough Council	Unitary	NW		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	WM		For councils to keep all the rental income on council properties	Housing
Warwick District Council	District	WM		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	WM		Local retention of business rates	Finance
West Devon Borough Council	District	SW		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	Planning
West Devon Borough Council	District	SW		Increase the usage of the Dartmoor Railway	Transport
West Devon Borough Council	District	SW	South Hams District Council	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,	Local Services
West Devon Borough Council	District	SW		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

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West Dorset District Council	District	SW	West Dorset DC, Dorset CC, Purbeck DC	Extension of the concept of Rural Exception Sites to settlements of over 3000 to include market towns.	Planning
West Dorset District Council	District	SW	West Dorset DC, Dorset CC, Purbeck DC	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 District Council	District	SW	West Dorset DC, Dorset CC, Purbeck DC	Extension of the rural repurchase fund.	Housing
West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		To allow local authorities to participate in more than one LAA/MAA.	New Performance Framework
West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		Provide funding to improve train and bus services to and from Skelmersdale.	Transport
West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		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	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		Local authorities to keep a greater proportion of Right to Buy receipts to enable house building & estate remodelling	Housing
West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		The government to support regeneration in New Towns.	Regeneration and Economic Development
West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		Lobbying for changes to the Treaty of Rome to encourage local economic stimulus.	Regeneration and Economic Development
West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		Changes to the funding formula for local authorities to facilitate public realm maintenance in New Town Areas.	Finance

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West Lancashire District Council	District	NW		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	SE		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.	Environmental sustainability
Westminster City Council	LB	GL		Revise the method for calculating an area's population.	Finance
Westminster City Council	LB	GL		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	GL		Government alters its targets relating to temporary accommodation so that levels of overcrowding can be reduced.	Housing
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Voluntary organisations should not pay business rates for rubbish collection but rather be treated as domestic customers.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Access to education should be widened to cover as many people's needs as possible.	Worklessness, unemployment and skills
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Amending Stamp duty land tax to rejuvenate the housing market.	Housing
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Adaptations should be made to new affordable housing at design stage to meet mobility targets	Adult social care
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Stamp Duty Land Tax from house sales should be paid to the local authority to encourage the building of more affordable homes.	Housing

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Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		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	SW		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	SW		Inject Vehicle Excise Duty paid by Wiltshire residents back into the local area	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Changes to national speed limit signage.	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Strict speed limits in town centres and villages of 20mph.	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		All MOT tests to include the statutory recording of mileage	Transport
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		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	SW		Introduce plastic recycling collections at the doorstep.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Energy production to be decentralised to local level.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Increase tax on chewing gum	Safer and stronger Communities

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Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Mandatory for utility companies to publish or make available aggregate figures for utility usage on a community basis.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Introduce facilities for storing electrical energy generated by renewables.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Undertake a national review of the use of street lights.	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		Office sustainability	Environmental sustainability
Wiltshire Council	Unitary	SW		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	SE		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
Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough	Unitary	SE		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	Local Services
Wirral Metropolitan Borough	Met	NW		Changes in central government legislation and funding structures relating to Community Asset Transfer.	Local Services
Wycombe District Council	District	SE		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	Transport