

POLICY BRIEF

Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview Scrutiny Committee

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GOVERNMENT POLICY, LEGISLATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

Government

[Chancellor delivers plan for stability, growth and public services](#)

The Chancellor has today (Thursday 17th November) announced his Autumn Statement, aiming to restore stability to the economy, protect high-quality public services and build long-term prosperity for the United Kingdom. The full document can be found [here](#).

Local Government

[Letter to the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee regarding the Elections Act 2022](#)

In his reply to a letter from the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee, the Minister sets out the progress being made on implementation of the Elections Act 2022, in particular outlining the government's approach to sequenced implementation of all of the measures in the Act and the government's plans for voter identification to be in place ahead of polls scheduled to be held in May 2023.

The Act, which received Royal Assent on 28 April 2022, introduces voter ID for the first time for in person voting and will give government new powers over the Electoral Commission.

Finance/Funding and Welfare

[Adult Social Care Discharge Fund: local authority and Integrated Care Board \(ICB\) allocations](#)

Sets out the funding allocations for the £500 million Adult Social Care Discharge Fund, 40% (£200 million) will be distributed to local authorities and 60% (£300 million) to Integrated Care Boards.

[Council Tax base calculation](#)

This page provides forms and guidance notes for the calculation of Council Tax base (CTB). It has been updated with forms and guidance notes (October 2022).

[£1.5 billion to improve energy efficiency and slash bills](#)

Up to £1.5 billion is being made available through the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and Home Upgrade Grant schemes, allowing social housing providers and local authorities to submit bids for funding to upgrade the properties of around 130,000 low-income and social households.

Community Safety

[Suella Braverman at the APCC and NPCC Partnership Summit](#)

At the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners and National Police Chiefs' Council Partnership Summit 2022, the Home Secretary announced a new programme called Operation Soteria to transform the response to rape.

[Review of government counter-terrorism strategy to tackle threats](#)

The government will carry out a wholesale refresh of the UK's counter-terrorism strategy, to protect its citizens from new, emerging and persistent threats.

[Call for Evidence: An inspection of the Home Office's Afghan resettlement schemes](#)

The Chief Inspector invites anyone with knowledge and experience of the Home Office's Afghan resettlement schemes to submit evidence for his next inspection.

Environment

[PM statement to the House of Commons on COP27: 9 November 2022](#)

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak made a statement to the House of Commons on his attendance to COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh. He committed to building new nuclear power stations for the first time since the 1990s and committing £30 billion to support a green industrial revolution.

[Government launches independent net zero review](#)

The review will be led by former Energy Minister Chris Skidmore MP and aims to ensure that delivery of legally-binding climate goals are pro-growth and pro-business.

Housing and Homelessness


[The Supported Housing Improvement Programme funds](#)

A £20 million government fund will support councils to crack down on landlords who profit through benefit claims but fail to support their vulnerable residents. The funding will enable councils to step up inspection of accommodation standards and provide enhanced scrutiny of Housing Benefit claims to ensure they are reasonable. It will also improve local enforcement of the quality of accommodation and support to residents including supervision, advice, or help with life skills, to help tenants live independently in the community.

[Homes England launches new development finance fund](#)

Homes England and Newstead Capital have joined forces to support SME house builders by launching an innovative long-term development finance lending fund.

OPEN CONSULTATIONS

Date of publication	Committee/Department	 GOV
24 October 2022	On 20 October 2022, the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) published the conclusions on its review of the frameworks to compensate train operators and consultation questions on outstanding matters.	5pm 9 th January 2023