

BRR Steering Group – Fiscal Events

1. Autumn Budget will take place on 29th October, with the LGF Settlement following later this year. Looking further ahead MHCLG and the LGA have started preparations for the 2019 Spending Review (SR). This is an opportunity to look at local government spending in the round from 2020/21.
2. Although the timings have not yet been announced, in preparation for the SR we have started engagement with other government departments on their aspects of local government spending. We are looking beyond DHSC and DFE to the dozen or so departments with policy responsibilities.
3. We are considering how we can best engage with the sector during the Spending Review, and are asking for your views on the mechanisms for engagement and the policy ‘themes’ that we explore.

➤ **What are your views on how we engage the local government sector during the 2019 Spending Review?**

4. There are a number of existing forum and relationships, including this Steering Group, which we would look to continue engaging with in the lead up to the SR.
5. However, there is an opportunity to set up new mechanisms and we’d welcome the group’s preferences. Some ideas (these are early thoughts) include:

‘Thematic’ Roundtables	Sector-led Reports	Facilitated meetings with OGD representatives
Specific responses to commissions	Council Visits	Other?

➤ **What are your views on these themes, and are there any other areas we should focus on?**

6. We have identified several key themes for our analysis during Spending Review, our initial thoughts for these are, in broad terms:

Financial Sustainability	Capital & Revenue Interactions	Efficiency & Transformation
Adult Social Care	Children’s Services, incl. Education	EU Exit
Prevention & Early Intervention	‘Place’	Homelessness