

I am writing in response to your email of 17 May 2011 requesting papers relating to recent meetings about Community Budgets. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department for Communities and Local Government does hold the information that you have requested and that I am able to provide you with all the information in scope. Papers relating to any meetings that happened after receipt of your request are not in scope. Details of all the papers enclosed with this letter are summarised at Annex A.

## **Annex A**

### **Part 1 of your request**

You have asked for the minutes and papers for meetings of the 'Community Budgets and Local Productivity Group', chaired by Lord Bichard, including any submissions made to the group. Time period: from March 18 to the present (i.e. 17 May).

This includes the following documents:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Overview</b>
5 April	Agenda
5 April	Paper 1: Action tracker
5 April	Paper 2 :Update on first phase CBs
5 April	Paper 3: Next Steps
5 April	Paper 4: Evaluation
5 April	Background material: Minutes of 17 March meeting
5 April	Background material: Review of Public Sector Improvement
5 April	Table on first phase CBs
17 May	Agenda
17 May	Paper 1: Action tracker
17 May	Paper 2: Update on stocktake
17 May	Paper 3: Update on 1 <sup>st</sup> phase CBs
17 May	Paper 4: National implementation of CBs
17 May	Background material: Minutes of 5 April meeting
17 May	Background material: Final Stocktake presentation
17 May	Background material: List of champions and lead contacts

### **Part 2 of your request**

You have asked for the minutes and papers for the meeting of the new ministerial group focused on community budgets (attended by Eric Pickles, Tim Loughton, Danny Alexander and others, and chaired by Baroness Hanham), including any submissions made to the group – Time period: from March 4 2011 to the present (i.e. 17 May).

The last meeting of the Ministerial group with Local Authority Leaders and their representatives was on 24 March and the papers are listed below. Separately, Baroness Hanham met with the Local Authority Leaders and their representatives subsequently in order to make rapid, intensive progress on complex issues.

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Overview</b>
24 Mar	Agenda
24 Mar	Update on 1 <sup>st</sup> phase places (sent out with agenda)
24 Mar	Minutes