

Timeline of Government Announcements since the General Election

Date:	Announcement:	Thematic Area:
May:		
18 May	David Cameron and Nick Clegg launch their broad programme for creating their Big Society	General
20 May	'The Coalition: Our Programme for Government' is published setting out a detailed programme of commitments & action across all policy areas for five years' ahead	General
24 May	Announcement of £6.2bn. of savings in Government spending during 2010/11 including, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ £1.165bn. from within local government ▪ £150m. from the last Government's housing pledge ▪ £270m. by ending lower value RDA spending 	General
25 May	Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) announces cuts of £230m. to its 2010/11 programme including £100m. for affordable housing, £50m. for Kickstart (round 2), £30m. for gypsies & travellers, and £50m. for housing renewal	Housing
25 May	Queen's Speech 2010 announced including proposed Bills for, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Airports Economic Regulation Bill (re. Stansted) ▪ Academies Bill (creating of new schools) ▪ Energy Security & Green Economy Bill ▪ Public Bodies Reform Bill ▪ Decentralisation and Localism Bill (planning, scrapping regional governance & quango's) ▪ Local Government Bill as well as other proposals for, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limits on non EU in-migration into the UK ▪ Public service delivery 	General
June:		
10 June	Major review announced of national transport schemes and local authority major schemes to decide whether they should proceed in the light of public spending cutbacks. Only schemes with a signed contract to go ahead in the interim	Transport
15 June	South East Airports Task Group set up to examine how operations at Heathrow, Gatwick & Stansted could be substantially improved within their existing infrastructure	Transport
15 June	New powers given to local authorities to prevent residential 'garden grabbing' and over-development at too high densities	Planning
17 June	New powers given to local authorities to control the spread of houses in multiple occupation	Housing
17 June	Future of rail franchising to be consulted upon, and new timetables announced for the re-franchising of the Greater Anglia and Essex Thameside franchises	Transport
22 June	The Budget – comprehensive economic announcements including proposals for severe public sector savings and taxation reform	Economy
22 June	White Paper to be published in summer 2010 setting out proposals for sub-national economic development, creation of Local Enterprise Partnerships, and abolition of RDAs	Economic Development

23 June	EEDA's budget for 2010/11 is subject to a significant cut of £23m.	Economic Development
25 June	The system of Comprehensive Area Assessment of local authority performance to be scrapped	Local Government
28 June	HCA has a further £470m. cut from its 2010/11 budget and is to transform into a "smaller, slimmer enabling agency"	Housing
29 June	Letter sent to local authorities inviting them to submit proposals to the Government to set up Local Enterprise Partnerships (closing date for response: 6 September)	Economic Development
29 June	Infrastructure Planning Commission to be scrapped, and replaced by a Major Infrastructure Planning Unit to be located within the Planning Inspectorate reporting to Ministers for decision-making. National Policy Statements for different types of infrastructure to be published.	Infrastructure
29 June	Decentralisation & Localism Bill will enable towns and villages to set up Local Housing Trusts to promote new housing where there is strong local community support	Housing
29 June	Nick Clegg launches a £1bn. Regional Growth Fund to help communities in northern regions at risk of being particularly affected by public spending cuts (i.e., disadvantages Essex)	Economic Development
July:		
1 July	The new 'Your Freedom' website is launched inviting people to suggest their ideas on restoring lost liberties, repealing unnecessary laws, and removing excessive regulation of business	General
2 July	The new 'Spending Challenge' website is launched inviting public sector workers to submit their ideas for cost-saving	Public Services
5 July	The Building Schools for the Future programme is drastically reduced including many school proposals in Essex	Education
5 July	Penfold Review is published with proposals to reform the planning & consents regime to better encourage development/growth and cut red tape	Planning
6 July	Secretary of State revokes Regional Strategies to give district councils the power to set their own housing figures (if they wish)	Planning
8 July	CLG publishes its Structural Reform Plan explaining the reforms it will make over the next three years	Planning, Housing, Local Government

Note: Position as at the 8th July 2010.