

<b>Department for Communities and Local Government</b> <b>Structural Reform Plan: Monthly Implementation Update</b>	<b>August 2010</b>
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**(1) Actions due to be completed by end of August 2010**

DCLG has no actions due to be completed in August 2010.

**(2) Actions due to be started by end August 2010**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
Identify exceptional areas where central government needs to retain an oversight role of local government (end Oct 2010)	Work started
Consider abolition of remaining Government Offices as part of the Spending Review (end Oct 2010)	Work ongoing
Terminate RDA functions (regional planning and housing functions) (end Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
Transfer RDA functions (Business Link, Tourism, etc) to other bodies as appropriate (end Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
Complete RDA and GOL projects (stand-alone ongoing major developments) (end Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
Develop and consult on functions, governance, funding arrangements and responsibilities of Local Enterprise Partnerships including possible transfer of functions from Regional Development Agencies (end Sep 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop options to give neighbourhoods and local authorities the powers and freedoms to lead economic growth and regeneration (including through the Regional Growth Fund) as part of the Spending Review (end Oct 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop and put in place options to help social tenants own or part-own their home (end Apr 2011)	Work ongoing
Develop options to bring more empty homes back into use, working with the local authorities and housing associations and some of the property owners, neighbours and others affected (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop options to ensure continuous improvements in energy efficiency of new housing looking specifically at zero-carbon homes and non-domestic buildings (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Consider options for implementation of options for the Housing Revenue Account, including through the Localism Bill (end Nov 2010)	Work ongoing
Abolish Comprehensive Area Assessment and cut local government inspection (end Oct 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop options to free local government from central control, including guidance, rules and funding mechanisms imposed by central departments (end Oct 2010)	Work ongoing
Develop options and put in place measures to make better use of existing public buildings, land and capital investment in public building projects (end Jul 2011)	Work ongoing
Phase out ring-fencing of government grants to local government (end Oct 2010)	Work ongoing

Consider the most appropriate framework for local incentives for local authorities to support growth, including allowing local authorities to reinvest the benefits of growth into local communities (end Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
Encourage data use by inviting range of third parties to create different online analyses of local authority performance data (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Prepare local authorities for publication, in an open and standardised format, of items of spending, contracts and tenders above £500 (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Prepare local authorities for publication, in an open and standardised format, of job titles and salaries above SCS Pay Band 1 (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Run public awareness campaign to encourage use and put pressure on opaque councils, including public demonstration of transparency of other local authorities (end Dec 2010)	Work ongoing
Work with the Home Office to review the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) to stop councils unnecessarily using surveillance powers, banning local authority use of powers unless signed off by a magistrate (end Oct 2010)	Work ongoing

### (3) Explanation of missed deadlines

In August 2010, DCLG did not miss any deadlines in its Structural Reform Plan.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

<b>Deadline missed</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Publish consultation response on options for the Housing Revenue Account, including voluntary arrangements (Jul 2010)	Still not complete	The consultation concluded on 6 July: responses have been analysed. An announcement will be made on the intended way forward on HRA reform as part of the Spending Review.