

Community Budgets Group  
**ACTION TRACKER FROM MEETING ON 17 MARCH 2011**

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION AGREED	LEAD	PROGRESS REPORT
4	Whitehall Champions, supported by the LG Group, to work with places to clarify the number of families to be supported (initially over the SR period) to encourage ambition and find out what would help places to be more ambitious.	Whitehall Champions	Ongoing
	DfE to work with the LG Group on statistics and definitions linked to the Prime Minister's ambitions.	DfE	Ongoing
5	DfE to report back, by 24 March, their Minister's response on how DfE will encourage schools to engage with Community Budgets / common assessment / invite Swindon and other areas asking for additional flexibilities into the pilot / work with MoJ and London boroughs to see what could be done on speeding up care procedures in courts.	DfE	Completed and ongoing – covered in Paper 2
	DH to circulate a copy of the agreed position on integrated arrangements reached by NE Lincolnshire.	DH	On-going. Workshop between DH officials and the 16 areas was agreed at Ministers meeting with leaders on 24 March - cover in Paper 2
	If necessary, DH to work with areas unable to reach a local resolution on an individual basis.	DH	
	DH to share a policy paper on data / information sharing with places.	DH	Pending
	DWP to write to preferred partners in CB areas to set out the expectations on pooling ESF and encourage partnership working with local agencies.	DWP	On-going. Half Day Workshop between DWP officials and 16 areas was agreed at Ministers
	DWP to engage with contractors on an individual	DWP	

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	basis in areas where there were problems.		meeting with leaders on 24 March – covered in paper 2.
	DWP to work with Westminster to explore how additional ESF funding in London for families could be added into the London Councils ESF funding stream to deliver pooling at source.	DWP	
	Areas to ensure they are engaging JCP in their partnerships.	All areas	
	HO to identify how to encourage the police to engage better with Community Budgets.	HO	Paper 2 requests confirmation that progress is being made
	MoJ / HO to look into Leicestershire's request to de-ringfence funding for drugs & alcohol programmes.	HO/MoJ	Paper 2 requests confirmation that progress is being made
	DCLG to compile a list of all outstanding asks from areas.	DCLG	Completed
	Whitehall Champions to send responses about asks to DCLG by 24 March (for those issues discussed above). For any new issues, responses should be returned as soon as possible thereafter.	Whitehall Champions	Completed
<b>7</b>	DfE to recommend to Ministers that five applications for the investment fund should be approved.	DfE	Completed
	LG Group to convene working group to support areas receiving investment funding.	LG Group	On-going
	DfE to provide analytical support to LG Group supporting areas receiving investment funding.	DfE	On-going
	DfE to seek Ministerial approval for exemplar projects.	DfE	Approval Sought