

# Working with the new Parliament

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# Shaping the agenda

- Legislation
- Committees
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**Growing places: building local public services for the future**

# Queen's Speech 2017 - 2019

- 27 Bills and draft Bills
- Including 8 Brexit Bills
- CAMHS Green Paper
- Counter-Terrorism Commission
- No mention of Local Government Finance Bill

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**Introduction**

The Queen has today set out the Government's agenda for a two year Parliamentary session. This paper details the new Bills of relevance to local government and outlines our local government priorities, including issues which are not in the Queen's Speech. Further details of today's Queen's Speech can be [found here](#). You can also find out about our work engaging with Parliament on behalf of local government in our [LGA in Parliament 2016/17 report](#).

The LGA has circulated a number of media statements responding to today's announcement:

[LGA media statement on the Queen's Speech 2017](#)

[LGA responds to Draft Rental Tenancies Bill](#)

[Councils respond to lack of measures to address children's social care funding pressures](#)

[LGA responds to review of counter-terrorism strategy and formation of Counter-Extremism Commission](#)

[LGA responds to social care proposals](#)

[LGA responds to mental health reform](#)

[LGA responds to draft Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill](#)

**LGA key messages:**

- **Brexit:** The UK's exit from the European Union will have a significant impact on local government and the people we represent, creating challenges that need to be addressed but also opportunities to do things differently. Local government must play a central role in deciding whether to keep, amend or scrap the EU laws which impact on the council services that affect people's day-to-day lives, once they are converted into domestic law. Brexit should not simply mean a transfer of powers from Brussels to Westminster, Holyrood, Stormont and Cardiff Bay. It must lead to new legislative freedoms and flexibilities for councils so that local communities and businesses benefit.
- In line with the commitment to provide stability to farmers as we leave the EU, outlined in the Agriculture Bill, we are calling for clear guarantees to protect the £8.4 billion in local regeneration and regional funds. This funding is needed to protect local regeneration plans, flagship infrastructure projects, employment and skills schemes and local growth in our communities.
- **Local government finance:** It is hugely concerning that the Government has not reintroduced the Local Government Finance Bill in the Queen's Speech. The Bill had set out a framework to allow local government in England to keep all of the £26 billion in business rates it raises locally each year. This would close the funding gaps identified below, in children's and adults services. It also sought to provide powers for Mayoral Combined Authorities and the Greater London Authority to raise an Infrastructure Supplement. These measures are needed to give councils financial freedoms that will pay for

# Brexit

- European Union (Withdrawal) Bill 2017-19
- EU funding
- Customs, Trade and Immigration



# Draft Bills

- Draft Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill
- Draft Tenants' Fees Bill



# Private Members Bills

- MPs called in the Ballot
  - Taxi Licensing (Beginning in the House of Commons)
  - Home Education (Duty of Local Authorities) Bill (Beginning in the House of Lords)
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# Green Papers, Inquiries and Commissions

- CAMHS Green Paper
  - Housing White Paper
  - Counter-Extremism Commission
  - Grenfell Tower Inquiry
  - Independent Public Advocate
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# Secondary Legislation



**Delegated or secondary legislation allows the Government to make changes to the law using powers conferred by an Act of Parliament. Statutory instruments form the majority of delegated legislation.**

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