Systems Design Working Group – forward look

July 2016

- Publication of Government consultation document: *Self-sufficient local government: 100% Business Rates Retention*
- 25 July - working group meeting

August 2016

- Series of joint DCLG/LGA roadshows on 100% rates retention and consultation
- Continue to build and test model to enable illustration of different design choices

September 2016

- Joint DCLG/LGA roadshows continue
- 2 September - working group meeting
- 23 September - working group meeting
- 26 September - *Self-sufficient local government: 100% Business Rates Retention consultation closes*

October 2016

- Consider consultation responses and use these to inform further design work
- 14 October - working group meeting

November 2016

- Likely to publish technical consultation, setting out detailed system design
- 2 November - working group meeting

December 2016

- Possible engagement events on technical consultation

January 2017

- *Local Growth and Jobs Bill* introduced to Parliament

Timetable for opening technical working group meetings:

	Issue	Recommendation points	Papers to present
25 July	Growth and resets	Frequency & type of resets (ie 'full' or 'partial')	DCLG to present: Paper on frequency and type of resets, including illustrative charts demonstrating impact.
2 September	Ratings lists	Recommendations from working group on: • Changes to the lists, including how to handle Central List hereditaments • Possible introduction of area lists • What happens to the income collected on each list?	DCLG to present: Proposition on ratings lists, including illustrative modelling of impact Paper on implementing multiplier flexibilities LG to present: Possibly to be informed by local government produced strawman model
	Business rates multiplier flexibilities		
23 September	Appeal risk	At what spatial level risk should be borne within the system and how it is to be funded? Recommendations on safety net to follow wider scheme design.	DCLG to present: Options on handling appeal risk Paper on impact of different approaches to tier splits Paper on shape of a future safety net (possibly) LG to present: Potential paper on experiences of tier splits under the 50% BRR system.
	Tier splits & redistribution (including impact of gearing)	In all areas, including Combined Authority Mayoral Areas, and Greater London. Recommendations from working group on: • How to set tier splits	
	(Safety net – depending on progress at previous meetings)	Recommendations from working group on: • Appropriate level to set a safety net • Funding a safety net	

Other topics to cover:

- Pooling
- Redistribution mechanisms
- Enterprise Zones and other designated areas

We expect some discussions to involve returning to the topic at a future meeting, with further modelling and options.