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New Government Publications

This is a list of government guidance, consultation papers, etc, on topics relevant to our members, published in the previous week. They are all on the web and the web addresses were checked on the Wednesday preceding the date of this Bulletin.

Department for Education

[Huge expansion of tutoring in next step of education recovery \(news release\)](#)

[Cash boost for apprenticeships launched \(news release\)](#)

Department for Transport

[Government agrees conditions-based £1.08 billion funding deal with Transport for London \(news release\)](#)

Home Office

[Almost £30 million in compensation paid or offered to the Windrush generation \(news release\)](#)

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

[Government announces 10 councils to test the use of digital tools in planning process \(news release\)](#)

[New measures to better protect mobile home residents \(news release\)](#)

[Twenty-six towns to share over £600 million to help communities build back better \(news release\)](#)

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

[UK-wide search is underway to find next City of Culture \(news release\)](#)

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

[Government to protect workers' rights and clamp down on workplace abuse with powerful new body \(news release\)](#)

Department of Health and Social Care

[New international approach to combat emerging health threats as crucial G7 health talks begin \(news release\)](#)

Northern Ireland Executive

[Poots welcomes success of DAERA support schemes for rural businesses \(news release\)](#)

[Long: Removing profits an important tool in fight against organised crime \(news release\)](#)

[Dodds announces table service requirement to be removed for unlicensed hospitality businesses \(news release\)](#)

[Dodds calls for extension of furlough for aerospace sector \(news release\)](#)

[Consultation on proposed changes to the Northern Ireland Civil Service Injury Benefits Scheme](#)

[Communities Minister Hargey commissions Discretionary Support review \(news release\)](#)

[Civil Service Pay Award to be implemented \(news release\)](#)

[Planning for the Future of Transport - Time for Change](#)

[Mallon outlines £1bn Budget Commitments for the year ahead \(news release\)](#)

[Mallon announces £2.5 million investment in greenways \(news release\)](#)

Welsh Government

["No-one left behind" as Wales' incredible vaccine programme moves forward \(news release\)](#)

[New £3m respite fund launched to give unpaid carers a well-earned break \(news release\)](#)

[First Minister confirms phased move to alert level one \(news release\)](#)

["Volunteers are the glue which hold our communities together": £1.4m in funding has been awarded to 12 projects in the hearts of communities across Wales \(news release\)](#)

[More than £25 million invested in diagnostic equipment for NHS Wales \(news release\)](#)

[Contact tracing in Wales extended until March 2022 \(news release\)](#)

[Evaluation of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service \(CAMHS\) In-Reach Pilot Programme: final report](#)

[Evaluation of Building for the Future: mid-term report](#)

Scottish Government

[Strengthening links with Europe: £3 million research fund announced \(news release\)](#)

[Supporting people to get online: over £26 million to close the digital divide \(news release\)](#)

[Funding to restore Scotland's iconic peatlands: £22 million this year towards meeting climate change targets \(news release\)](#)

[release\)](#)

[Consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders](#)

[Free school meals: 90,000 children to benefit \(news release\)](#)

[Education recovery: next steps - SQA and Education Scotland to be reformed \(news release\)](#)

[Transforming Scotland's economy: building a sustainable recovery that protects and creates jobs \(news release\)](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): modelling the epidemic \(issue no. 54\)](#)

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Government, politics and public administration

McNeil, Clare; Parkes, Henry

Ref No: [B57868](#)

No longer managing: the rise of working poverty and fixing Britain's broken social settlement

Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/A83o30rJ2Qa>)

2021

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Publisher's price: na

Investigates the continuing rise in working poverty in the UK this century. Looks at what factors are driving this growth, which groups of people have been most impacted and how the welfare state might adapt to address the problem. Reports that the likelihood of being in poverty for those in working households has grown across the UK, particularly in London. Discusses housing costs noting that poverty has increased for those in rented housing, but not for those with mortgages. Highlights that the cost of renting has increased by almost a half in real terms over the past 25 years. Considers childcare costs and availability and notes the growing shortfall in income support from social security. Finds that the households most affected by in-work poverty are single parent families, single earner couple households and those with large families. Looks at how low-income families have fared during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Discusses the social, political and economic consequences of the rise in working poverty. Considers the changes needed to address the situation such as containing housing and childcare costs as a share of income per household and improving the quality of jobs.

Mackley, Andrew; Hobson, Frank; McInnes, Rod

Ref No: [B57882](#)

Coronavirus: legacy benefits and the Universal Credit 'uplift' (House of Commons Library briefing paper no 9246)

House of Commons Library

(Briefing available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/qsEs30rJpZ9>)

2021

Pages: 10

Publisher's price: na

Discusses the government's decision not to apply to other working age means tested benefits - those legacy benefits being replaced by Universal Credit - the temporary increase or uplift to Universal Credit given in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Describes the temporary increase in Universal Credit. Looks at the government's rationale for not including means-tested legacy benefits. Considers who the legacy benefit claimants are. Examines calls to extend the uplift to legacy benefits, and explores the recent debate on the matter. Assesses the cost of extending the uplift to legacy benefits. Concludes by reflecting on a legal challenge underway to the government's decision.

Cheshire, Professor Paul; Hilber, Professor Christian

Ref No: [B57863](#)

Home truths: options for reforming residential property taxes in England

Bright Blue

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/a0q130rJ3tY>)

2021

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Publisher's price: na

Considers potential reforms to the tax system relating to residential property in England. Outlines the background to the report, explaining that it is part of a wider project by Bright Blue looking at tax reforms across a number of areas. Describes the various types of property taxes, and outlines the current English system of residential property taxation, including council tax, stamp duty and community infrastructure levies. Considers the criteria for changing the residential property tax system, including economic, equity and political factors. Identifies options for reforming the residential property tax system, focusing on annual taxes on the value of property and land. Examines six specific reform options against economic and political criteria, and identifies the key elements of a new system for taxing residential property in England.

Audit Scotland

Ref No: [B57865](#)

Local government in Scotland: overview 2021

Audit Scotland

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/u20F30rJ2ER>)

2021

Pages: 45

Publisher's price: na

Looks at the performance of local authorities in Scotland in dealing with the challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Presents key messages from the review, a timeline of key events, key facts/context and the main characteristics of the local government response to the pandemic. Discusses the key issues arising from council's response to COVID-19, identifies lessons learned and presents case studies highlighting good practice in relation to three themes: communities and people, including community wellbeing and the impact of COVID-19 on demographic groups and inequalities; service delivery and partnership working, including adapting service provision, innovation/digital delivery and enhanced collaboration; and resources and governance, including financial impacts, new funding flexibilities, redeployment of staff and virtual decision making.

Gangneux, Justine; Joss, Simon

Ref No: [B57872](#)

Scottish local government during Covid-19: data needs, capabilities, and uses

University of Glasgow

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/7HVI30rJ2HR>)

2021

Pages: 37

Publisher's price: na

Looks at how local government in Scotland used data during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to inform their decision making. Explains that the study was carried out between autumn 2020 and spring 2021 and drew on information from a survey of local authorities, focus groups and expert interviews. Reports on four main themes emerging from the study: rapid response and innovation with a focus on public sector data; amplification of existing challenges; growing demand for cross-sectoral data sharing; and opportunities for joined-up data practices in the public interest. Finds that public sector data, rather than private sector or smart data, was most important for managing the pandemic in its early stages. Notes the increase in data sharing across the public sector especially between local authorities and the NHS. Considers that collaboration between local authorities reduced duplicate efforts and, therefore, improved resource efficiencies overall. Suggests that there is a need to improve staff's data-related skills. Makes recommendations for policy and practice which will help inform local and central government practices and future planning for digital transformation and data innovation.

Havers, Rosie; Durrant, Hannah; Bennett, Laura

Ref No: [B57879](#)

The role of communities and the use of technology in mitigating loneliness during the Coronavirus pandemic (full report)

Wales Centre for Public Policy

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/NwAG30rJ9YM>)

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Publisher's price: na

Looks at loneliness, exploring the experience of members and coordinators of community groups across Wales during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Uses in-depth interviews with 71 individuals from over 50 different community groups and organisations. Finds that, for both building community networks and addressing loneliness directly, having a sense of purpose was paramount. Stresses the importance of blended approaches to technology use to help address loneliness, where online interaction supports or enables offline connection and activities. Determines that to enable, sustain and enhance community action of several factors are important: collaboration based on strength in difference; place-based skills, networks and governance roles; and funding and support structures accessible to informal and small-scale community groups. Emphasises the presence and importance of the wider networks, infrastructures and governance structures underpinning community action and connection. Makes recommendations for: addressing loneliness in communities; blended approaches to addressing loneliness with technology; collaborating with community groups; and optimising community resources.

Burgess, Adrienne; Goldman, Rebecca

Ref No: [B57777](#)

Lockdown fathers: the untold story

Fatherhood Institute

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/D0YD30rHZbo>)

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Explores the experiences of male parents during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, drawing on the results of a survey of fathers across the UK. Outlines the background to the study, highlighting that COVID-19 lockdowns enabled a significant social experiment as fathers spent more time at home. Presents key findings looking at: partnered fathers with at least one under-12 child; involved own household fathers not living full-time with their child but seeing them regularly before lockdown; fathers of colour; and fathers in two-father households with at least one child aged under 12. Provides recommendations addressed to employers, trade unions/professional bodies, schools/early years education providers and central government, and outlines plans for a 'Time with Dad' campaign to preserve the lockdown benefits of fathers spending more time with their children.

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Management and organisational development

Crowley, Lizzie; Overton, Laura

Ref No: [B57886](#)

Learning and skills at work: survey 2021

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/iifXp30rJHdr>)

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Explores organisational approaches to learning and skills development, drawing on the findings of a survey of human resources professionals across the UK. Looks at learning and development (L&D) during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, highlighting decreases in L&D budgets and headcounts and the ways in which organisations responded. Examines the use of digital technologies and solutions, and the ways in which businesses revisited organisational alignment. Looks at the ways in which organisations sought to improve clarity, connection and collaboration through their L&D programmes, addressed the need for workforce agility and reskilling/redeployment, and developed evidence and evaluation of the impact of L&D. Presents conclusions and recommendations on the ways in which organisations should support L&D in future, and outlines the methodology used in the survey.

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Equalities and diversity

Close the Gap/Engender

Ref No: [B57776](#)

Joint briefing on the impact of COVID-19 on women's wellbeing, mental health, and financial security

Close the Gap

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/QDXn30rHZ5N>)

2021

Pages: 6

Publisher's price: na

Explores the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on women with childcare responsibilities in Scotland, drawing on analysis of national survey data involving Scottish parents. Outlines the background to the briefing, the way it was prepared and the implications of the findings. Presents key findings, including: women, particularly ethnic minority and disabled, are experiencing further and deeper poverty as a result of COVID-19; the closure of schools and nurseries, and increase in childcare, has disproportionately affected women's employment; and women's propensity to work part-time places them at greater risk of job disruption. Considers the impact of COVID-19 on women's social, economic and labour market inequality, and presents conclusions highlighting the importance of a gender-sensitive approach to rebuilding the labour market and economy.

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Business and economy

Pope, Thomas; Shearer, Eleanor

Ref No: [B57875](#)

Taking back control of subsidies: replacing EU state aid rules in the UK

Institute for Government

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/WfFX30rJ3vE>)

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Outlines how the government can make a new subsidy system which is better than the EU state aid system which was in place before Brexit. Considers that subsidies can be an important factor in achieving the government's pledges of 'levelling up', reaching net zero carbon emissions and increasing R&D as a share of GDP. Sets out the restrictions the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, made with the EU, imposes on the UK regime. Outlines the government's own objectives for the system including that a competitive market economy is maintained and the UK internal market is protected. Discusses what the subsidy control rules should be and how the system should operate. Includes a recommended model for the new subsidy control regime. Outlines how the Northern Ireland protocol might interact with the new regime with EU state aid rules continuing to apply to some UK subsidies. Considers that a new domestic system should include a check on wasteful subsidies and should guard against subsidy races between different regions and nations in the UK. Makes a number of recommendations including that the government should clarify what constitutes an 'allowable subsidy' and choose the Competition and Markets Authority as a regulator at the centre of the system.

What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth

Ref No: [B57871](#)

Recovery from Covid-19 at the local level: using data to inform decision-making

What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/2kfc30rJ2YZ>)

2021

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Provides links to data resources which local policy-makers can use to monitor recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in their local area. Gives advice on how to make best use of data and on how best to respond to the issues identified through data analysis. Sets out the most recent national forecasts for economic recovery with high levels of growth forecast for the next two years, reflecting the severity of the decline in 2020, and unemployment set to rise. Considers that monitoring recovery in local areas will allow them to target the industries, localities and population groups which need most support. Suggests that there are three areas which should be monitored in the short to medium term and which provide timely data allowing trends to be monitored: mobility; labour market; and covid-19. Describes several datasets under each topic and provides links. Includes links to other useful sources of information on businesses. Provides a summary of key datasets and measures which can be used in the longer term to develop a local economic strategy. Includes a case study of how West Midlands Combined Authority has combined data analysis into their decision making.

Metro Dynamics

Ref No: [B57885](#)

The future of urban centres: an agenda for post-pandemic inclusive city renewal

Metro Dynamics

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/Ij6530rJaqR>)

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Looks at how cities can approach the challenges and opportunities ahead in the context of the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Draws on evidence-based research on the impact of COVID-19 on the key cities and core cities in the UK. Describes the economic profile of the key cities and core cities. Analyses the impact that COVID-19 has had on cities. Assesses the economic role of cities, including their connection with towns. Outlines the trends that, it is suggested, could help cities transition towards an inclusive renewal and ensure local places prosper post-pandemic. Proposes a framework for developing practical ideas relevant to each city to help with the recovery and renewal of urban centres. Makes recommendations for actions in cities and by government as part of an inclusive renewal deal.

Walker, Peter

Ref No: [A66640](#)

Scotland's science and tech sectors get a Covid-19 shot in the arm, IN Scottish Business Insider, Vol 38 No 2 Apr/May/June 2021, pp69-72

Journal article.

2021

Pages: 4

Looks at the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the Scottish science and technology sector. Indicates that the speed and skill with which science and technology firms responded to the pandemic has restored public trust in the sector. Discusses the implications for the financial health of Scotland's science and technology sector, highlighting increased public funding for a range of Scottish research projects alongside increased private sector investment. Considers the opportunities and challenges for the future development of the sector in Scotland, highlighting a number of initiatives including the launch of the Scottish National Investment Bank and other support to enable companies to develop and scale up activities. Looks at ways in which the Scottish Government can better support the sector in future, highlighting the need to improve collaboration and innovation across different disciplines.

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Employment, jobs and careers

Winding, Cathrine; Heathcott-Elliott, Christian; Humphreys, Ciaran

Ref No: [B57857](#)

Covid-19 and employment changes in Wales: what we know about current and future impacts

Public Health Wales

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/DXic30rJ8Vi>)

2021

Pages: 62

Publisher's price: na

Reports on the current and potential future impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on employment in Wales. Draws on reviews on the grey literature on the topic to inform the study. Looks at employment changes relating to job loss, contractual changes, income, sector and nature of work. Looks at the Welsh and UK economy pre-pandemic noting that unemployment and poverty was higher in Wales than in the rest of the UK and that it had less jobs which could be undertaken at home compared to the UK as a whole. Reports that redundancies in Wales in 2020 were more than double those in 2019. Looks at how different sectors have been affected by the pandemic, finding that construction, manufacturing, hospitality and tourism have been particularly badly affected. Reports on the take up of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) and the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme. Finds that young people, women, BAME, and low-income families and single parents have been particularly badly affected by the pandemic. Considers that there is likely to be an increase in poverty in Wales between 2020 and 2021.

Gilbert, Abigail; Thomas, Anna

Ref No: [B57876](#)

The Amazonian era: how algorithmic systems are eroding good work

Institute for the Future of Work

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/Y26430rJ15e>)

2021

Pages: 55

Publisher's price: na

Reports on how the practices and business models of the 'gig economy' are spreading across workplaces without an understanding of the impact it is having on people's working lives. Considers that algorithmic systems are being used to control fundamental aspects of work and that the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has accelerated this practice. Describes what algorithmic systems are, how they relate to automation, and their impacts on human behaviour through the 'Human Data Cycle'. Includes three case studies showing how the cycle works in practice in manufacturing, maintenance and food processing. Highlights the concept of 'Good Work' and how deployment of algorithmic technologies is undermining this with the creation of 'Connected Worker Platforms' which monitor and manage workers. Shows how organisations restructure their workforce around algorithmic systems and how this is driving the trend towards the 'gigification' of work. Looks at the impact of such trends on communities and society as a whole. Makes recommendations for how 'Good Work' can be protected and legislated for.

Fairwork

Ref No: [B57861](#)

Fairwork UK Ratings 2021: labour standards in the gig economy

Fairwork

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/Vt7130rITWv>)

2021

Pages: 32

Publisher's price: na

Examines the performance of key sectors of the platform economy against fair work principles and labour standards. Outlines the context for the study, suggesting that the gig economy is at a crossroads in the UK due to increased pressure to recognise legal obligations to workers. Presents the five principles underpinning the Fairwork Framework, and the methods used to measure fairness at work. Provides an overview of the UK platform economy, including types and nature of work, and discusses the legal context in which it operates. Presents fairwork ratings covering 11 platforms, and provides a more detailed look at the Pedal Me and Just Eat platforms. Provides worker experience stories, and looks at the specific theme of unpaid working time. Outlines the impact and next steps, explaining that the report establishes a baseline that will be updated on an annual basis to monitor labour standards, and presents the Fairwork Pledge.

Fullard, Joshua; Zuccollo, James

Ref No: [B57866](#)

Local pay and teacher retention in England

Education Policy Institute (EPI)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/m8gh30rJ1H9>)

2021

Pages: 48

Publisher's price: na

Looks at how differences in teachers' pay across different regions in England has affected teacher recruitment and retention. Explains that there have been difficulties in recruiting enough teachers in recent years and that in 2019 almost a third of teachers had left the profession within five years of joining. Reviews the current evidence on teacher numbers, recruitment, and retention to outline the scale of the problems the sector faces. Finds that teacher retention has been falling, but that there has been a temporary improvement in teacher recruitment due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Compares teachers' wages with those of other professionals noting that there is little difference in teachers' pay across the country whereas the wages of non-teaching professionals vary widely. Discusses pay policy for schools in England and investigates the relationship between local pay and teacher supply problems. Looks at non-pay factors affecting teacher recruitment. Finds that there is a clear association between pay gaps in local labour markets and difficulties with teacher recruitment. Discusses the policy implications of the findings suggesting that the Department for Education reviews its approach to dealing with local costs whilst also taking account of the distributional impact of any reforms.

Anderson, Oliver; Nelson, Moira

Ref No: [B57870](#)

Post 16 education and labour market activities, pathways and outcomes (LEO): research report

Department for Education (DfE)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/rdb530rJ9dk>)

2021

Pages: 89

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Presents the results of an analyses of the post-16 education and labour market activities and outcomes of young people who took their GCSE exams between 2002 and 2007 in England. Draws on information from the Longitudinal Educational Outcomes (LEO) dataset to inform the report. Follows the young people for a ten-to-fifteen-year period and looks at outcomes for different sub-groups based on socioeconomic, demographic and education variables. Looks at differences in earnings over time for different sub-groups and presents data on how outcomes vary in different regions of the country. Finds that education and labour market pathways are very diverse, but that generally higher levels of education lead to better labour market outcomes. Reports that there are different outcomes based on individual characteristics with black and ethnic minority people having higher levels of post-16 education, but not necessarily better labour market outcomes. Includes Sankey charts showing the most common education and labour pathways for individuals.

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Education and skills

Sutton Trust

Ref No: [B57860](#)

Fairness first: social mobility, COVID and education recovery (policy brief)

Sutton Trust

(Policy brief available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/J6Ox30rJ1I4>)

2021

Pages: 6

Publisher's price: na

Looks at ways of placing social mobility and fairness at the heart of the national recovery plan for education following the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Outlines the context for the report and highlights three principles that should underpin the education recovery plan: sufficient scale and duration to match the challenge; targeted at those who have suffered most; and addressing the needs of children from nursery to college/sixth form. Discusses the issues and presents policy proposals relating to: targeted funding; early years; 16-19 education; teaching; tutoring; extended schools to promote essential life skills and wellbeing; and the digital divide. Considers wider issues relating to a socially segregated school system and levelling up beyond the school gates.

Social Finance

Ref No: [B57864](#)

It's time to ACT: countering the impact of Covid-19 on pupils and schools

Social Finance Ltd

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/VMRj30rJVnn>)

2021

Pages: 26

Publisher's price: na

Explores the impact on pupils of the disruption to schools during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, focusing on emerging attendance and exclusions data. Outlines the background to the study, highlighting work by Cheshire West and Cheshire Council to pioneer an early intervention approach to children and young people at risk of exclusion from school, and describes the methods of analysis used to look at COVID-19 impacts. Presents key findings indicating: higher rates of COVID-19 absences for secondary school pupils and those living in areas of high deprivation; that average attendance figures hide a widening attendance gap; and increased numbers of pupils received fixed term exclusions. Identifies eight key learning points arising from the lockdown experience, and presents recommendations to improve support for children and young people, including investing in infrastructure to support early intervention.

House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts

Ref No: [B57858](#)

COVID-19: support for children's education - third report of Session 2021–22 (HC 240)

The Stationery Office (TSO)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/LrAb30rJ1GS>)

2021

Pages: 24

Publisher's price: na

Presents the findings of an inquiry by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee looking at the Department for Education's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and support for children to catch up on lost learning. Outlines the background to the inquiry, and summarises conclusions and recommendations. Looks at the Department for Education's response to the pandemic, focusing on learning lessons from past and current responses, attendance of vulnerable children, supporting children with special educational needs/disabilities and the provision of IT equipment. Examines the support provided for children to catch up on lost learning due to disruption to schooling, focusing on learning loss affecting disadvantaged children, catch-up learning programme and national tutoring programme.

Cooper Gibson Research

Ref No: [B57878](#)

The curriculum programme pilot: research report

Department for Education (DfE)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/wpaC30rJ9aH>)

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ISBN: 9781838702601

Looks at pilots evaluating the implementation, benefits and potential impact of curriculum programmes developed in the context of the National Curriculum introduced in 2014, and explores how they could be effectively shared across a wide range of schools. Uses online surveys, in-depth telephone interviews, and focus groups. Discusses the design and set-up of the pilots. Explores the engagement with, and use of, different elements of the curriculum programmes by co-ordinators and teachers, and how far the programmes were embedded into delivery across participating schools. Examines the extent to which programme delivery was in line with the approach originally devised. Considers training and support. Sets out the monitoring and evaluation processes put in place by lead and participating schools, and the emerging impacts of the curriculum programme pilot on pupils and teachers. Summarises the benefits and challenges of the curriculum programmes, and makes suggestions for improvement. Addresses the ways in which leads and co-ordinators felt that the programmes would be used following the end of the pilot, and the potential ongoing impact of the pilot once it had been completed. Concludes that the curriculum programmes were regarded as providing a high quality range of knowledge rich resources, developed by subject specialists, which were flexible and adaptable to school and pupil contexts.

Universities UK

Ref No: [B57889](#)

Universities and the UK's economic recovery: an analysis of future impact

Universities UK

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/sAqB30rJHkG>)

2021

Pages: 27

Publisher's price: na

Explores the potential contribution and impact of the UK's higher education sector in supporting the UK's economic recovery over the next five years. Outlines the context for the study, highlighting the ways in which universities can support the delivery of economic and social priorities, and presents four key recommendations to ensure that this contribution is optimised. Looks at the ways in which universities support people, including by providing a pipeline of key workers and enabling upskilling for new jobs. Considers the role of universities in partnering with business, including providing advice/training and enabling cutting edge research and innovation. Identifies the ways in which universities can support local areas in recovering from the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including regenerating town centres and boosting employment.

Universities Scotland

Ref No: [B57890](#)

Universities Scotland briefing: Scottish Government debate on economic recovery

Universities Scotland

(Briefing available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/qiiK30rJHl0>)

2021

Pages: 4

Publisher's price: na

Provides briefing material to Members of the Scottish Parliament on the contribution that universities can make to supporting Scotland's economic recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Outlines the context for the briefing note, highlighting the ways in which Scottish universities will support national economic and social priorities over the next five years. Examines the four major ways in which universities can contribute to Scotland's economic recovery: through research excellence in supporting a more green and inclusive economy; by meeting Scotland's future high level skills needs; through supporting business recovery and innovation; and by supporting building resilient communities, including through widening access to higher education from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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Housing

Hinson, Suzanna; Adcock, Alex

Ref No: [B57862](#)

Green homes grant (House of Commons Library briefing paper no CBP 9235)

House of Commons Library

(Briefing paper available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/xjVp30rJ3o2>)

2021

Pages: 7

Publisher's price: na

Presents briefing information about the Green Homes Grant Voucher Scheme (GHGVS) that was open from September 2020 to March 2021 in England. Outlines the background to the introduction of the scheme, explaining that it provided vouchers for two-thirds of the cost of installing specified energy efficient improvements in eligible homes. Provides statistics on the operation of the scheme indicating that over 113,700 applications were received by the end of March 2021 and that public funding for vouchers issued totalled £264 million. Summarises views and comments about the scheme, highlighting concerns about administration issues. Considers future policy, explaining that central government originally intended to extend the scheme beyond March 2021 but then reverted back to the original closure date, and that MPs and industry stakeholders have argued that a new policy will be needed to meet energy efficiency and decarbonisation targets.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Ref No: [B57891](#)

We can't allow renters to be locked out of our post pandemic recovery

Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)

(Briefing available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/jwp630rJHhc>)

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Explores the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on rent paying households, and considers ways to support low income rent payers as part of economic recovery plans. Explains that although economic forecasts are improving following the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, a two-tier recovery is emerging and renters are faring worse than homeowners as society reopens. Indicates that some renters are struggling more than others, including households with children and those on low incomes, and that one in five renters are worried about paying their rent and almost one million households are concerned about being evicted. Suggests that 450,000 households are facing unacceptable levels of rent arrears, and that support for home owners has outweighed support for renters during the pandemic. Argues that additional support should be provided to households in arrears through discretionary housing payments, and that the £20 a week uplift in benefits payments should be made permanent.

Idox; The Knowledge Exchange

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Better housing for older people means better lives for all

The Idox Knowledge Exchange

2021

Pages: 4

Reviews four recent reports on housing for older people. Highlights the importance of decent housing for a good quality of life. Looks at the first report of the Commission on the Role of Housing in the Future of Care and Support. Explains that this commission aims to produce a blueprint to enable greater choice and availability of housing and support for older people who may find it hard to live independently at home. Explains that there have been some positive developments in relation to residential care, including the take-up of new technologies in care settings. Notes, however, that little progress has been made to expand the market in order to give greater choice of housing with access to care. Looks at the findings from a report by the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, which identified numerous constraints to supply, investment and demand in the market for specialised housing for older people. Notes that, among its recommendations, the Cambridge report calls for national government to provide a clear vision about housing for people as they age. Highlights the findings of a report by the Intergenerational Foundation, which claims that England has two housing nations: the first is older, well housed and well off, the second is younger, living in cramped accommodation, with no access to outside space. Notes that this report calls for market failures on retirement housing to be addressed. Looks at a report from the Centre for Ageing Better, focusing on the impacts on older people of poor quality housing. Highlights the barriers preventing older people from making the improvements that would help them live healthier, more

independent lives, and calls for a wider range of financing options, including government grants and loans, to help older people adapt their homes. Concludes that these reports highlights important issues that need to be addressed for the benefit of older people and for society in general.

Turner, Alex

Ref No: [A66635](#)

How race affects the likelihood that you will live in a damp home or experience fuel poverty, IN Inside Housing, Vol 38 No 5 May 2021, pp36-37

Journal article.

2021

Pages: 2

Explores the association between ethnic origin and poor housing quality and fuel poverty, focusing on the implications for the social housing sector. Explains that English Housing Survey data published in 2020 shows that disproportionate numbers of people from ethnic minority groups live in damp housing compared with their white British counterparts, and that fuel poverty trends data shows higher proportions of people from non-white backgrounds experiencing fuel poverty. Discusses the social housing sector's failure to deliver housing of the required quality in deprived areas, and the launch of an investigation by the Housing Ombudsman looking at damp and mould in the sector. Argues that social landlords need to improve accessibility and the way they communicate and engage with ethnic minority communities.

Brady, Dominic

Ref No: [A66634](#)

The Queen's Speech: what legislation is coming for the social housing sector?, IN Inside Housing, Vol 38 No 5 May 2021, pp12, 14

Journal article.

2021

Pages: 2

Explores what the UK Government's legislative priorities set out in the Queen's Speech mean for the social housing sector. Suggests that the implications for the social housing sector were defined as much by omissions as inclusions in the speech. Outlines commitments to support delivery of the proposals in the Social Housing White Paper, highlighting the lack of a timetable to reform social housing regulations covering tenant protection. Discusses the implications for social housing providers of the planned Building Safety and Planning Bills, and looks at commitments to bring forward the removal of 'no fault' evictions and to improve rented accommodation standards. Considers the lack of firm commitments to take forward reform of adult social care, including extra care housing, and outlines plans to allow leaseholders to extend their leases by up to 990 years at zero ground rent.

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Planning, development and property

Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Scotland

Ref No: [B57901](#)

Resourcing the planning service: key trends and findings 2021

Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Scotland

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/Fegq30rK3US>)

2021

Pages: 4

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Presents the findings of research that examined the resourcing of the planning system in Scotland. Suggests that planning has a key role to play in moving towards a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery through accelerating progress to a zero carbon economy, increasing resilience to risk, and through creating fair, healthy and prosperous communities. Argues that in order to do this, the planning system must be effectively resourced. Outlines the key findings of the research, which include that: the planning service is the one of the most severely affected of all local government services in terms of budgets with a reduction of 42% since 2009; nearly a third of planning department staff have been cut since 2009; planning application fees only cover 66% of their processing costs; the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 places up to 91 new duties and responsibilities on planners without resources required to undertake them; over the next 10 to 15 years, the

planning sector will have demand for an additional 680 - 730 entrants into the sector; and the planning workforce has both demographic and succession challenges in the short, medium and long term. Argues that there is a need to: re-invest in planning services, including introducing emergency grants to support post-COVID green, economic recovery; providing the resources to undertake the new duties from the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019; increasing planning fees to ensure they meet their costs, or introducing a subsidy for planning authorities to overcome this shortfall; and invest in initiatives such as planning apprenticeships to improve the supply of planners.

Burke, Tim

Ref No: [A66637](#)

Working at nature's pace (real estate sector's connections between nature and mental health), IN EG, No 2120 15 May 2021, pp30-31

Journal article.

2021

Pages: 2

Looks at ways in which the real estate sector can make better connections with nature and open space to improve mental health and wellbeing. Explains that nature has been chosen by the Mental Health Foundation as the theme for 2021's Mental Health Awareness Week. Discusses the role of the real estate sector in integrating nature and open space into property development schemes, highlighting the various ways in which natural and green spaces can be incorporated in the built environment, including community gardens, tree planting and country parks. Considers the ways in which people can be helped to connect with nature in the workplace, including the provision of plants on roof terraces, highlighting the benefits of reducing anxiety and fatigue among workers.

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Environment

Mompelat, Laurie

Ref No: [B57874](#)

Stop the clock: the environmental benefits of a shorter working week

Platform London

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/hfmi30rJaFn>)

2021

Pages: 18

Publisher's price: na

Examines a range of environmental benefits which might be gained from shifting to a four-day working week. Looks at the evidence on different ways that carbon emissions could be reduced if working-hours were lower, including a decrease in electricity use, a reduction in commuting, lower household consumption, and a shift towards low-carbon activities. Suggests that the health benefits of having more time to exercise could reduce demand for carbon-intensive health services and pharmaceuticals. Discusses economy-wide evidence showing quantitative correlations between long working hours and environmentally harmful consumption patterns such as buying ready-made meals or having items delivered which had been bought online. Considers whether more leisure time could lead to greater consumption of carbon-intensive goods and services. Estimates that shifting to a four-day working week by 2025 could shrink the UK's annual carbon footprint by 127 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. Suggests that the government should introduce policies which support people in building low carbon leisure time into their routines, provide more green space and limit ecologically harmful advertising.

Economics for the Environment

Ref No: [B57867](#)

Mapping the species data pathway: connecting species data flows in England

Economics for the Environment (eftec)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/oUq630rIVLc>)

2021

Pages: 150

Publisher's price: na

Examines the costs and benefits of the current species data management system in England, taking account of the Scottish species data valuation model. Outlines the background to the study, and describes the objectives to provide an overview of the current species data landscape, approaches to data collection and key issues and challenges. Looks at the

species data landscape in England, including data flows and pathways, data standards and the public policy and funding context. Identifies key issues and challenges and looks at approaches to stakeholder engagement and cost-benefit analysis. Considers whether the recommendations arising from a Scottish review of species data management can be applied in England. Presents conclusions and recommendations to improve the management of species data in England.

Rouse Research & Consulting

Ref No: [B57888](#)

The big smoke: the global emissions of the UK financial sector

Greenpeace

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/Lyfx30rJ8F>)

2021

Pages: 25

Publisher's price: na

Examines the role of the UK's financial services sector in financing climate change emissions and contributing to the global climate and nature emergency. Outlines the context for the report, highlighting the key role to be played by the finance sector in determining whether the world will successfully transition to a low carbon sustainable economy, and describes the approach and scope of the study. Presents key findings indicating that: the UK financial sector is a high carbon one; carbon emissions financed by the sector are likely an underestimate; and there is a lack of transparency and comparable data. Looks at the role of regulation in ensuring that the finance sector aligns its work with international climate change goals. Presents recommendations to the UK Government on measures to accelerate the adoption of financial practices that actively support progress towards climate change targets. Outlines the carbon accounting methodology used in the study, together with limitations and barriers.

Hill, Jessica

Ref No: [A66633](#)

Getting beyond the climate wishlists (local authorities' actions to reduce carbon emissions), IN Local Government Chronicle, No 7765 May 2021, pp24-26

Journal article.

2021

Pages: 3

Looks at the action being taken by local authorities to deliver on their commitments to reduce carbon emissions. Suggests that to date councils have lacked the tools and direction needed from central government to honour their climate emergency pledges, highlighting the recent demise of the green homes energy voucher scheme. Looks at the types of actions local authorities have taken or consider they need to take to reduce carbon emissions, and indicates that 82% of councils across the UK have now declared climate emergencies. Examines progress by local authorities, highlighting a 'strategy implementation gap' in many councils and the need for additional funding and powers from central government to enable plans to be developed and delivered. Presents a case study looking at pacesetting action by Exeter City Council, Somerset West and Taunton Council and the Greater Manchester City Region.

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Regeneration and community development

Department for Education (DfE)

Ref No: [B57877](#)

The communities fund: report of evaluation findings

Department for Education (DfE)

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/wFmz30rJ9dI>)

2021

Pages: 182

Publisher's price: na

Presents the results of an independent evaluation (by SQW) of the Communities Fund programme. Explains that the programme was launched in December 2016 with applications invited for grants of up to £70,000 to deliver solutions to entrenched social issues within local communities. Reports that 54 projects were supported in areas such as adult social care, homelessness and children. Sets out the study methodology which looked in depth at seven case studies including Sense of Place (a homelessness project in Tameside) and Venetian Waterways (an employment project in Great Yarmouth). Notes that all projects met all or some of their expected outcomes and impacts. Discusses the key impacts the

projects had: improved employment prospects; increased or new skills; and improved health and wellbeing. Discusses the impacts on the wider communities and local services and notes that some longer-term impacts may not yet be apparent. Reports on the cost-benefit analyses carried out for each project, finding that mostly the benefits exceed the costs. Concludes that the Communities Fund delivered what it was intended to do and successfully funded a wide range of interventions to tackle entrenched social issues. Makes recommendations for those seeking to deliver similar projects.

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Health and social care

Williams, Oli et al

Ref No: [B57856](#)

COVID-19 and co-production in health and social care research, policy and practice: volume 2 - co-production methods and working together at a distance

Policy Press

(e-Book available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/rFc230rINs1>)

2021

Pages: 191

Publisher's price: na

Explores the use of co-production and participatory approaches in health and social care responses to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, focusing on methods and means of co-production during a pandemic. Outlines the background to the study, explaining that volume 1 of the study looks at structural challenges to co-production and participatory approaches (see Ref: B57855). Presents a range of essays highlighting key issues and good practice in working together at a distance in delivering health and social care services, including international case studies dealing with autistic young people, disabled women/girls, digital exclusion and mental health challenges. Argues that co-production and participatory approaches should be built into future emergency responses to pandemics.

Beresford, Peter et al

Ref No: [B57855](#)

COVID-19 and co-production in health and social care research, policy, and practice: volume 1 - the challenges and necessity of co-production

Policy Press

(e-Book available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/zp9330rINrg>)

2021

Pages: 183

Publisher's price: na

Explores the use of co-production and participatory approaches in health and social care responses to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, focusing on structural challenges at the outset of the pandemic. Outlines the background to the study, explaining that volume 2 of the study looks at co-production methods and working together at a distance (see Ref: B57856). Presents a range of essays examining the impact of existing structures in limiting the potential of co-production and participatory approaches in health and social care settings. Provides essays looking at a range of issues around marginalisation of health and social care users resulting from COVID-19 responses, including disabled people, women and homeless people. Argues that co-production and participatory approaches should be built into future emergency responses to pandemics.

Balogun, Bukky

Ref No: [B57869](#)

Obesity (House of Commons Library briefing paper no 9049)

House of Commons Library

(Briefing paper available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/D4nU30rJ3sq>)

2021

Pages: 63

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Presents a briefing paper on the work of the UK Government in preventing and reducing obesity in the population, especially children. Discusses the prevalence of obesity in the country and the reasons behind it such as having an unhealthy diet, taking inadequate exercise and socioeconomic factors. Outlines the NHS treatment and prevention services available including medication, surgery and social prescribing. Provides an overview of government obesity policy in recent years noting that recently work on reducing obesity has been the remit of Public Health England (PHE). Discusses the measures taken to reduce childhood obesity such as introducing the Soft Drinks Industry Levy and

restricting advertising for foods high in fat, salt and sugar. Highlights how the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has increased concern about levels of obesity in the country. Describes how obesity is being tackled in schools with initiatives such as the Healthy Schools Rating Scheme and the Daily Mile scheme.

Social Work England

Ref No: [B57873](#)

Social work and continuing professional development

Social Work England

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/7MAA30rJ99h>)

2021

Pages: 85

Publisher's price: na

Presents the results of a study looking at the CPD practices of social workers in England. Draws on the results of a quantitative online survey, focus groups and interviews with social workers, and an analysis of a sample of CPD records to inform the study. Looks at what CPD means to social workers finding that most view it positively and consider that it keeps them up to date. Reports on the factors which help and hinder their undertaking of CPD. Presents information on the type of CPD social workers do and the frequency and duration of their training. Looks at whether external events (such as the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic) had affected uptake of CPD. Presents information on how social workers record their CPD and whether they understand the requirement for it. Discusses social workers' experiences of communication with Social Work England. Considers the future of CPD and includes suggestions made by social workers as to how Social Work England can best support their CPD. Includes case studies of social workers experiences of CPD.

Work Foundation/Totaljobs

Ref No: [B57887](#)

Social care: a guide to attracting and retaining a thriving workforce

Work Foundation

(Report available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/Rd4K30rJHms>)

2021

Pages: 20

Publisher's price: na

Provides advice to employers on ways to improve the recruitment and retention of adult social care workers, drawing on the findings of surveys of existing carers and job candidates. Looks at ways to address the sector's recruitment challenges, highlighting the need to improve attitudes towards social care work, increase wage levels and adopt values-based recruitment. Considers ways to improve retention of adult social care workers, including ensuring staff feel valued by reducing numbers leaving the sector. Examines ways to improve career progression within the sector, including increasing pay differentials and providing standardised, specialised and portable training. Presents conclusions and recommendations for central government, sector bodies and care providers on measures to improve the recruitment and retention of social care workers.

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Crime, justice and rights

Woodhouse, John

Ref No: [B57884](#)

Regulating online harms (House of Commons Library briefing paper no 8743)

House of Commons Library

(Briefing available on the internet at: <http://ow.ly/MUR330rJpZD>)

2021

Pages: 28

Publisher's price: na

Looks at plans to regulate online harms, such as cyber-bullying, material promoting violence and self-harm, and age inappropriate content, through legislation. Discusses the new regulatory framework proposed in the Online Harms White Paper of April 2019, and the reaction to this. Examines the government interim and full responses to the White Paper consultation, which indicated that a duty of care would be introduced through an Online Safety Bill and that Ofcom would be the regulator, and outlines the reaction to these. Considers the Draft Online Safety Bill of May 2021.

Davidson, Jenni

Ref No: [A66630](#)

A safe space for bairns (new child-centred response supporting abuse victims), IN Holyrood, No 467 24 May 2021, pp25-27

Journal article.

2021

Pages: 3

Looks at plans to open a 'barnahus' in Scotland bringing all agencies involved in child abuse cases together in a child-friendly setting. Explains that the model was pioneered in Iceland and means that a child victim only has to tell their story once, enables them to move onto recovery quicker and provides specialist support through the criminal process and recovery therapy. Considers the need for transformational change in the way key agencies operate in order for the approach to succeed. Discusses the development of the model in Iceland, drawing on earlier US approaches, initially to cover sexual abuse but subsequently extended to physical and domestic abuse. Outlines the rollout of the model to other Scandinavian countries and Europe more widely, highlighting differences in the way it operates between countries. Indicates that the first 'bairns hoose' is planned to open in East Renfrewshire in 2022 to test the concept before rolling out across Scotland.

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