Appendix A

It is intended that local authorities will establish their own local schemes by April 2013. The proposed timetable for implementation is:

Autumn/winter 2011-12

- Government publishes a response to this consultation.
- Introduction of Local Government Finance Bill (included provisions for localisation of council tax support).
- Central and local government begin working on model schemes.

Spring 2012

- Primary legislation in passage through Parliament.
- Government preparing and publishing draft secondary legislation.
- Technical consultation on grant distribution

Summer 2012

- Primary legislation passed.
- Secondary legislation prepared.
- Local authorities designing and consulting on local schemes.

Autumn/winter 2012-13

- Local authorities establishing local schemes consultation with major precepting authorities and the public – putting in place systems, notifying claimants of changes.
- Secondary legislation passed
- Grant allocations published
- Local authorities setting budgets.
- Local authorities adopt schemes

Spring 2013

• Local schemes in operation.