



## **100 Days of Coalition Government and the voluntary and community sector**

**12 May** Coalition agreement launched by Cameron and Clegg in the Rose Garden of Number 10.  
[www.conservatives.com/News/News\\_stories/2010/05/Coalition\\_Agreement\\_published.aspx](http://www.conservatives.com/News/News_stories/2010/05/Coalition_Agreement_published.aspx)

**12 May** Francis Maude appointed Minister for the Cabinet Office.  
[www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/1002955/Francis-Maude-named-Minister-Cabinet-Office/](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/1002955/Francis-Maude-named-Minister-Cabinet-Office/)

**14 May** Nick Hurd appointed Minister for Civil Society.  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news\\_releases/2010/100518-hurd.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100518-hurd.aspx)

**18 May** Big Society roundtable at Number 10, co-chaired by Cameron and Clegg. Launch of the Coalition Government's Big Society Paper and appointment of Nat Wei, Founder of Teach First, to the House of Lords and as advisor to the Government on Big Society.  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news\\_releases/2010/100518-news-big-society-launch.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100518-news-big-society-launch.aspx)

**20 May** Full coalition agreement published. Commits the Government to support charities and social enterprises and the expansion of mutuals and co-operatives; the establishment of a Big Society Bank; a new generation of community organisers; and a national citizen's service.  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/409088/pfg\\_coalition.pdf](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/409088/pfg_coalition.pdf)

**31 May** Establishment of the new Public Sector Transparency Board based at the Cabinet Office, chaired by Francis Maude.  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news\\_releases/2010/100531-open.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100531-open.aspx)

**9 June** In his first keynote speech, Francis Maude, calls for a radical shift in the relationship between citizens and the state.  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news\\_releases/2010/100609-radicalshift.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100609-radicalshift.aspx)

**15 June** The Home Office halts the Vetting and Barring Registration Scheme while it remodels the system to achieve 'proportionate, common sense levels'.  
[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/Vetting-barring-scheme](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/Vetting-barring-scheme)

**17 June** The coalition cancels £10.5bn worth of pre-election Labour projects including new libraries, hospitals and the Future Jobs Fund.  
[www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/jun/17/job-schemes-cuts-economic-policy](http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/jun/17/job-schemes-cuts-economic-policy)

**23 June** A fundamental look at Legal Aid launched by the Ministry of Justice.  
[www.justice.gov.uk/news/announcement230610b.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/announcement230610b.htm)

**29 June** RDAs are to be replaced with 'local enterprise partnerships' (LEPs) to help rebalance economy towards the private sector. No indication given that the voluntary and community sector will be included in LEPs remit.  
[www.publicfinance.co.uk/news/2010/06/rdas-to-be-scrapped-in-bonfire-of-quangos/](http://www.publicfinance.co.uk/news/2010/06/rdas-to-be-scrapped-in-bonfire-of-quangos/)

**29 June 2010** MPs vote 321 to 246 in favour of the Coalition's plan to increase VAT to 20 per cent from January next year. An amendment to exclude charities from the increase was defeated. CTG estimates this will cost the sector £140 million a year.  
[www.epolitix.com/latestnews/article-detail/newsarticle/mps-vote-in-favour-of-vat-increase/](http://www.epolitix.com/latestnews/article-detail/newsarticle/mps-vote-in-favour-of-vat-increase/)

**5 July** Francis Maude will chair a ministerial committee on the Big Society.  
[www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/1013994/Cabinet-Office-minister-Francis-Maude-chair-government-committee-big-society](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/1013994/Cabinet-Office-minister-Francis-Maude-chair-government-committee-big-society)

**6 July** Regional Strategies revoked by CLG.  
[www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1631904.pdf](http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1631904.pdf)

**9 July** The Chancellor, George Osborne, launches the spending review asking the general public and public sector workers for their ideas on how to curb public spending. The Spending Review, which will set out how much each department will have to spend will be published on 20 October.  
[www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press\\_23\\_10.htm](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_23_10.htm)

**12 July** The Department of Health publishes a white paper setting out the Government's long term vision for the NHS which includes moves to hand commissioning responsibilities to clinicians.  
[www.dh.gov.uk/dr\\_consum\\_dh/groups/dh\\_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh\\_117352.pdf](http://www.dh.gov.uk/dr_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_117352.pdf)

**14 July** During Cabinet Office questions, Nick Hurd said that the Big Society Bank would be established by April 2011.  
[www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100714/debtext/100714-0001.htm#10071434000009](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100714/debtext/100714-0001.htm#10071434000009)

**15 July** Andrew Lansley promises NHS reforms will produce opportunities for the voluntary sector.  
[www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/archive/1016279/Health-secretary-Andrew-Lansley-promises-opportunities-voluntary-sector-NHS-shake-up/?DCMP=ILC-SEARCH](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/archive/1016279/Health-secretary-Andrew-Lansley-promises-opportunities-voluntary-sector-NHS-shake-up/?DCMP=ILC-SEARCH)

**15 July** DCMS announces that the voluntary and community sector's share of 'good cause' money from the Big Lottery Fund will be reduced from 50 per cent to 40 per cent in September. They also guarantee that 100% of the money from the Big Lottery Fund will go direct to the voluntary and community sector.  
[www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/SRP\\_DCMS\\_150710.pdf](http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/SRP_DCMS_150710.pdf)

**19 July** Government sources say the Big Society Bank will start with between £60m and £100m.  
[www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/1017009/Big-Society-Bank-will-start-60-100m-unclaimed-assets-say-government-advisers/%3E](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/1017009/Big-Society-Bank-will-start-60-100m-unclaimed-assets-say-government-advisers/%3E)

**19 July** The PM gives a key note speech in Liverpool on what the Big Society means and how it will be realised, announcing that community groups in four areas will receive advisory assistance and a team of civil servants from CLG.  
[www.number10.gov.uk/news/speeches-and-transcripts/2010/07/big-society-speech-53572](http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/speeches-and-transcripts/2010/07/big-society-speech-53572)

**21 July** The first Big Society Round Table, attended by CLG Ministers and representatives from 15 community organisations, took place in London.  
[www.communities.gov.uk/newsstories/communities/158770411](http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsstories/communities/158770411)

**22 July** The Prime Minister announces plans to launch National Citizen Service pilots for young people.  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news\\_releases/2010/100722-citizenservice.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100722-citizenservice.aspx)

**22 July** In a Westminster Hall debate, DCMS Minister John Penrose said Big Lottery Fund money will be refocused away from statutory bodies back to voluntary groups.  
[www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100722/halltext/100722h0001.htm#10072242000209](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100722/halltext/100722h0001.htm#10072242000209)

**27 July** The Cabinet Office has published a Political Reform Draft Structural Reform Plan which addresses its Localism and Decentralisation agenda timeframe.  
[www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Political-Reform-SRP.pdf](http://www.number10.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Draft-Political-Reform-SRP.pdf)

**27 July** The Academies Bill became an Act of Parliament. This paves the way for parents, charities and other organisations to set up controversial Swedish-style "free schools".  
[www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2010/ukpga\\_20100032\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2010/ukpga_20100032_en_1)

**28 July** The CLG select committee announces an inquiry into the Government's plans for localism.  
[www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee/inquiries/localism/](http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee/inquiries/localism/)

**30 July** The DWP launched its '21<sup>st</sup> Century Welfare' and 'The Work Capability Assessment' consultations.  
[www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2010/21st-century-welfare/](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2010/21st-century-welfare/)  
[www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/work-cap-ass-call-for-evidence.pdf](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/work-cap-ass-call-for-evidence.pdf)

**30 July** DCMS launches a consultation on the change to policy direction for the Big Lottery Fund.  
[www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx)

**12 August** The first wave of Pathfinder mutuals, to be run by entrepreneurial public sector staff, who want to take control of their services, announced by Cabinet Office.  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news\\_releases/2010/100812-pathfinder-mutuals.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/100812-pathfinder-mutuals.aspx)

**14 August** Eric Pickles announces plans to scrap the Audit Commission.  
[www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-10970008](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-10970008)