



Dear All

What a momentous week in British politics and Government. As the new Liberal Conservative coalition Government assembles its new team, we assess some of the likely implications for public services so far.

### **New ministerial posts**

The new line up of ministers will undoubtedly make their mark on the future direction of public services over the coming months:

#### ***Communities and Local Government Secretary - Eric Pickles***



Has pledged to "purge town hall 'fat cats'".

#### ***Education Secretary - Michael Gove***



Committed to launching new "free schools" model.

#### ***Health Secretary - Andrew Lansley***



Wants a greater role for outside providers in delivering health services.

#### ***Third Sector & Charities - Nick Hurd***



Committed to awarding more public service contracts to third sector.

## ***Chancellor of the Exchequer - George Osborne***



Pledged to let public sector workers form "co-operatives" to take control of public services.

## ***Chief Financial Secretary - David Laws (responsible for PFI/PPPs)***



The man in charge of cuts to public spending.

### **Budgets and Spending**

The new coalition agreement commits the partners to tackle the fiscal deficit of £167bn as a priority. A new office for Budget Responsibility has been created. The full implications for public spending and future capital investment are not likely to become clear until the Emergency Budget scheduled for the end of June and the Comprehensive Spending Review due in October.

### **'Big Society'**

Both the Conservatives and LibDems promised a greater role for Third Sector, Charities and Social enterprise in delivering public services. NCVO is planning a [summit](#) on 15 June with the new Government to discuss how to put this plan into action. Read about some of the implications [here](#)

### **'Free Schools'**

The coalition is pressing ahead with plans to allow groups of parents, corporates and faith groups to set up their own schools with state funding. We are working with two of the pioneers in this field in West London and Yorkshire... [More](#)

### **Mutuals and Coops**

We are also promised a new emphasis on public sector managers being able to form cooperatives and mutuals to deliver public services... [More](#)

As ever, TPP Law will be monitoring development with great interest and keeping you up to date with our regular briefings. If you have any questions or observations about the implications for your area of business, please do get in touch.

Best wishes

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