



The following captures some of the recent key policy documents, announcements, publications, and research relevant to the work of South East Employers. We provide links to the source of information for further consideration. SEE is happy to provide you with any further information or discuss how we can best support you and your authority in relation to any of the following issues.

### **Data Transparency**

The Government consultation regarding the proposed Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency closes on 14 March 2011.

### **Default Retirement Age**

It has been confirmed that the Default Retirement Age will be removed. [Read more.](#)

### **The Equality Act 2010**

Take a look at the new guidance regarding the Equality Act 2010.

### **Equality Duty**

The EHRC has published guidance on the new Public Sector Equality Duty – [find out more.](#)

### **Health and Social Care Bill**

The Bill creates the necessary legislative framework to implement the Government's proposed large scale reform of health and social care in England as set out in the White Paper *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS* (July 2010).

[Read about the implications for local authorities' responsibilities in relation to health improvement and the coordination of health and social care.](#)

### **Local Authority Publicity**

[Read the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity.](#)

### **Localism Bill**

Published on Monday 13 December 2010, the Government's flagship Localism Bill is 406 pages long, with 207 clauses and 24 schedules. It looks to devolve decision-making powers from Whitehall to communities and their local democratically-elected representatives.

[Read more about the Localism Bill.](#)

### **Mutualisation Guide**

The Institute for Government and the Public Chairs' Forum have published a [Mutualisation Guide.](#)

### **Employer engagement**

'Engaging employers to drive up skills' is a recent research report from the Thinktank Centre for Innovation in Learning.

### **Vetting and Barring**

Read the Government's [Vetting and Barring Scheme Remodelling Review](#) - Report and Recommendations.

