**Chairman’s Update**

This report covers the Chairman’s activities in the period since the last Councillors’ Forum: 21 July 2016 – 20 October 2016.

**LGA business**

* Sean Hanson (Chief Executive) - Local Partnerships
* Matthew Hamilton (Director) – District Councils’ Network
* Cllr Blackburn (Safer & Stronger Communities Board) – LGA
* AMA Board
* Liam Booth-Smith (Chief Executive) – Localis
* Markku Markkula (EPP) - President of the EU Committee of Regions
* Julie Girling MEP
* Cllr Ken Browse (Chairman) - National Association of Local Councils
* Cllr Sir Richard Leese (City Regions Board) - LGA

**Ministerial/Parliamentary business**

* The Rt Hon Lord Freud (Minister of State for Welfare Reform) – Department for Work and Pensions
* Marcus Jones MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Local Government) – Department for Communities and Local Government
* The Rt Hon David Gauke MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury) – HM Treasury
* Gavin Barwell MP (Minister of State for Housing and Planning and Minister for London) - Department for Communities and Local Government
* Bob Blackman MP
* Meg Hillier MP (Chair) - Public Accounts Committee
* The Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP (Chairman Conservative Party; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster) – Cabinet Office

**Meetings with organisations and individuals**

* Chris Mould (Chairman), David McAuley (Chief Executive) – Trussell Trust
* Moira Fraiser (Director of Policy, Public Affairs and Campaigns) - Macmillan Cancer Support
* Soha Housing Association – Scrutiny panel
* Kru Desai (Partner - Government and Infrastructure practice) – KPMG LLP (UK)
* Jon Sparkes (Chief Executive) – Crisis
* Matthew Reed (Chief Executive) - Children’s Society
* Brian Berry (Chief Executive) - Federation of Master Builders
* UCLG Congress - World summit of Local and regional leaders