

## **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