**Chairman’s Update**

This report covers the Chairman’s activities in the period since the last Councillors’ Forum: 20 October 2016 – 19 January 2017.

**LGA business**

* UK Forum – Local Government Associations meeting
* Cllr Ian Stephens, LGA's Culture, Tourism and Sport Board
* District Councils Network assembly
* County Councils Network annual conference
* Cllr Martin Tett – LGA’s Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board
* LGA annual Finance conference
* UK Municipal Bonds Agency
* LGA’s Labour Vice-presidents lunch
* LGA’s Conservative Vice-presidents lunch
* Togethersure
* Dorset Councils meeting with the the Rt Hon Sajid Javid (Department for Communities and Local Government)
* NALC conference
* LGA’s Independent Group annual conference
* Gillian Guy (Chief Executive) – Citizens Advice
* Cllr Claire Kober (LGA's Resource Board)
* Mendip Council

**Ministerial/Parliamentary business**

* The Rt Hon Lord Freud (Minister of State for Welfare Reform) – Department for Work and Pensions
* Marcus Jones MP (Minister for Local Government) – Department for Communities and Local Government
* Andrew Jones MP (Parliamentary under Secretary of State) – Department for Transport
* The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP (Secretary of State) – Department for Communities and Local Government
* The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom (Secretary of State) – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
* The Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP (Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service) - Home Office
* The Rt Hon David Jones MP (Minister of State) - Department for Exiting the European Union
* Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State) - Department for Communities and Local Government

**Meetings with organisations, individuals, conferences and external events**

* Chartered Institute of Housing & Inside Housing parliamentary reception
* County APPG Autumn parliamentary reception
* Universities and the Next Generation reception
* LGiU Cllr awards
* Public Sector Show Manchester
* De Montfort University - David Wilson Lecture
* APPG on pancreatic cancer
* Federation of Master Builders and LGiU report launch
* Joseph Rowntree Foundation - Traveller Accommodation report launch