**Chairman’s Update**

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

**LGA and Ministerial/Parliamentary business**

25 Jul Grenfell Tower fire Ministerial Recovery Group (Department for Communities and Local Government)

6 Sep Alok Sharma MP (Minister of State for Housing and Planning, Department for Communities and Local Government)

11 Sep The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury, HM Treasury)

12 Sep Steve Barker MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Exiting the European Union)

13 Sep Cllr Izzi Seccombe (Chair, Community Wellbeing board)

13 Sep LGA, COSLA, WLGA, NILGA meeting with Steve Barker MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Exiting the European Union)

14 Sep Cllr Simon Blackburn (Chair, Safer and Stronger Communities board)

18 Sep Cllr Hill (Leader), Tony McArdle (Chief Executive), Lincolnshire County Council

19 Sep Ministerial Building Safety Group (Department for Communities and Local Government)

20 Sep Meg Hillier MP (Chair, Public Accounts Committee)

20 Sep Cllr Richard Watts (Chair, Children and Young People board)

27 Sep The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP (Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government)

4 Oct The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP (Secretary of State, Department of Health)

2 Oct Cllr Elizabeth Campbell (Leade, LB of Kensington and Chelsea Council)

2 Oct Mayor Ben Houchen (Tees Valley Combined Authority)

3 Oct Mayor James Palmer (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority)

3 Oct Mayor Tim Bowles (West of England Combined Authority)

**Meetings with organisations and individuals**

11 Sep Colin Mellors (Chair), Jolyon Jackson (Chief Executive), Local Government Boundary Commission for England

11 Sep Lord Bird (Big Issue, Crossbench peer)

2 Oct Ofo bike sharing

3 Oct Riverside housing association

16 Oct Dr Jonathan Evans (CEO and Chairman, Ash and Lacy Group)

**Events and speaking engagements**

5 Sep LGA Temporary Accommodation conference

7 Sep APSE annual seminar

1-4 Oct Conservative Party Conference

2 Oct TFA roundtable event at Conservative Party Conference

3 Oct WElink fringe event at Conservative Party Conference

11 Oct National Children and Adult Services Conference 2017

16 Oct The Smith Institute - local housing companies report launch