

Chairman's Update

This report covers the Chairman's activities in the period since the last Councillors' Forum 22/10/15 – 21/01/16

Local Government Association (LGA) business

- Rt Hon Greg Clark MP - Department for Communities and Local Government (LGA Group Leaders meeting) x 2 meetings
- Independent Group annual conference
- Lord Kerslake – LGA President
- LGA annual finance conference
- LGA's Parliamentary Housing Briefing
- South West Councils meeting
- County Councils Network conference
- Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands Member Induction Day
- Councillor John Warmisham - UK Delegation, Congress of the Council of Europe
- Tony Lloyd - Interim Mayor, Greater Manchester

Ministerial/Parliamentary business

- Community Covenant Conference, Ministry of Defence
- Lord Freud – Department for Work and Pensions
- Rt Hon Greg Hands MP – HM Treasury
- Devolution APPG inquiry session
- Rt Hon Greg Clark MP - Department for Communities and Local Government x 3 meetings
- 10 Downing Street Custom and Self Build Summit
- Lords Constitution Committee's inquiry on devolution
- Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- David Godfrey - Secretary of State's Extended Ministerial Office, Department for Communities and Local Government
- Heidi Alexander MP - Shadow Secretary of State for Health
- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Stakeholder Reception
- Lord Freud – Department for Work and Pensions

Meetings with organisations and individuals

- Commonwealth Local Government Forums 's European member meeting
- Stephen Dorrell - NHS Confederation
- Policy Exchange London Housing Roundtable
- Jonathan Isaby - TaxPayers' Alliance
- Federation of Master Builders reception
- LGiU Winter reception
- Policy Exchange London Housing Roundtable
- De Montfort University Councillor Commission launch
- Patricia Blatherwick - Maximus UK

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- Richard James - YMCA London South West; Jason Stacey - YMCA England
- Henry Ashworth - Portman Group
- Sir Merrick Cockell - UK Municipal Bonds Agency