

Digest of Meeting

Title:	Councillors' Forum
Date and time:	10 February 2011, 12.30pm
Venue:	The Westminster Suite, Local Government House, Smith Square

Item

Action by

Welcome and Introductions

Baroness Eaton welcomed Members to the meeting of the Councillors' Forum and introduced the Rt. Hon. Lord Heseltine, Former Deputy Prime Minister.

1 Directly Elected Mayors

Lord Heseltine addressed the Local Government Association Councillors' Forum on his support for a move towards directly-elected mayors as one of the central proposals in the Localism Bill going through Parliament.

The Chair invited members to comment and Members raised several concerns about some of the policies within the Bill. The Chairman thanked Lord Heseltine for his presentation and Members agreed the actions proposed within the report.

See <http://www.localgovernmentchannel.com/news/> for interviews with Lord Heseltine and John Ransford following the meeting of the Forum.

Decision

Councillors noted the report and Lord Heseltine's presentation.

Action

Officers to take forward Members' comments in future lobbying around proposals for moving towards directly-elected mayors in the Localism Bill.

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3 Chairman's Report

Members noted the report.

4 Chief Executive's Report

Members noted the report.

5 Programme Board Chairs' Reports

Members received updates from each of the LG Group's Programme Board Chairs.

Date of next meeting: 17 March 2011