

## **Smith Square Debates 2012 – List of Panellists**

Smith Square Debates Spring Season 2012 – additional paper

### **Purpose of Report**

As a supplement to the Report at Item 10, Panellists status at 8 February 2012

### **Summary**

N/A

### **Recommendation/s**

That you note the panellists who have been invited, and those who have thus far confirmed.

### **Action**

Officers to action in accordance with Members discussions.

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### **Background**

1. This is a supplement to Item 10, Smith Square Debates Spring Season 2012, to advise you on the latest position on panellists for the debates, at 8 February 2012.

### **Local Government's Magna Carta?**

29<sup>th</sup> February

This Smith Square debate will form part of a wider constitutional reform campaign, *Independent Local Government*, which will be launched in February.

- Chair: Joey Jones, Sky News Deputy Political Editor (Invited)
- Graham Allen MP (confirmed)
- Lord Tyler (confirmed)
- Peter Riddell, Director of the Institute for Government (Invited)
- Cllr Robert Light (confirmed)

### **Social care in 2012 is an embarrassment; can we salvage anything from the current system?**

14<sup>th</sup> March

- Chair - Polly Toynbee, The Guardian (confirmed)
- Cllr David Rogers OBE, Chair, LGA Community Wellbeing Board (confirmed)
- Victoria Hart, Blogger and Adult and Mental Health Services Social Worker (confirmed)
- Les Mayhew, Professor of Statistics at Cass Business School and an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health (invited)
- Michelle Mitchell, Director, Age UK (invited)

**Planning reform – help or hindrance?**

21<sup>st</sup> March

- Chair: Reeta Chakrabarti, BBC Political Correspondent (invited)
- Cllr Keith House (Leader of Eastleigh District Council, Lib Dem, and Deputy Chair of LGA Environment and Housing Board) (confirmed)
- Toby Lloyd, Head of Policy, Shelter (confirmed)
- Dame Fiona Reynolds, Director-General, National Trust (invited)
- Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government (invited)

**Public service reform: ‘Is Whitehall’s 19<sup>th</sup> Century model of funding public services fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?’**

28<sup>th</sup> March

- Chair: Paul Waugh, Editor PoliticsHome (invited)
- Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Secretary for Communities and Local Government (invited)
- Nicholas Sharman, Director, A4e Ltd (invited)
- George Hollingbery, CLG Select Committee (invited)
- Lord O’Donnell, Former Cabinet Secretary (invited)