

# Councillors' Forum

## Agenda

Thursday, 5 March 2015  
12.30 pm

Westminster Suite, 8th Floor, Local  
Government House, Smith Square, London,  
SW1P 3HZ

**To:** Members of the Councillors' Forum  
**cc:** Named officers for briefing purposes

## **Guidance notes for visitors**

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**Please don't forget to sign out at reception and return your badge when you depart.**

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There will be a meeting of the Councillors' Forum at **12.30 pm on Thursday, 5 March 2015**  
Westminster Suite, 8th Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ.

**Please note: The Political Group Meetings will be held prior to this, as follows:**

11.00am – Labour	Westminster Suite (8 <sup>th</sup> floor)
11.00am – Conservative	Smith Square 3 & 4 (Ground floor)
11.00am – Liberal Democrats	Smith Square 1 & 2 (Ground floor)
11.00am – Independents	Meeting Room 6 (6 <sup>th</sup> floor)

A sandwich lunch will be available at 1.15pm

**Attendance Sheet:**

Please ensure that you sign the attendance register, which will be available in the meeting room. It is the only record of your presence at the meeting.

**Apologies:**

Please notify your political group office (see contact telephone numbers below) if you are unable to attend this meeting.

<b>Labour:</b>	Aicha Less: 020 7664 3263	email: <a href="mailto:aicha.less@local.gov.uk">aicha.less@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Conservative:</b>	Luke Taylor: 020 7664 3264	email: <a href="mailto:luke.taylor@local.gov.uk">luke.taylor@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Liberal Democrat:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3235	email: <a href="mailto:libdem@local.gov.uk">libdem@local.gov.uk</a>
<b>Independent:</b>	Group Office: 020 7664 3224	email: <a href="mailto:Vanessa.Chagas@local.gov.uk">Vanessa.Chagas@local.gov.uk</a>

**Location:**

A map showing the location of Local Government House is printed on the back cover.

**LGA Contact**

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**Carers' Allowance**

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## Councillors' Forum – Membership 2014/2015

Councillor	Authority
<b>Labour ( 42)</b>	
Cllr Phil Davies	Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Vince Maple	Medway Council
Cllr Anthony Hunt	Torfaen County Borough Council
Cllr Sarah Hayward	Camden Council
Cllr David Acton	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr Bryony Rudkin	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Judi Billing	North Hertfordshire District Council
Cllr Caitlin Bisknell	High Peak Borough Council
Cllr Graham Chapman	Nottingham City Council
Cllr Clyde Loakes	Waltham Forest London Borough Council
Mayor Sir Steve Bullock	Lewisham London Borough Council
Mayor Jules Pipe	Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr Paul Watson	Sunderland City Council
Cllr Simon Henig	Durham County Council
Cllr Ian Swithenbank CBE	Northumberland Council
Cllr Nick Forbes	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr Jim McMahon (Vice-Chair)	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Linda Thomas	Bolton Council
Sir Richard Leese CBE	Manchester City Council
Cllr Simon Blackburn	Blackpool Council
Lord Peter Smith	Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Colin Lloyd	Crawley Borough Council
Cllr Kate Haigh	Gloucester City Council
Cllr David Phillips	Swansea City and County Council
Cllr David Sparks OBE (Chairman)	Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Ann Lucas OBE	Coventry City Council
Cllr Sue Woodward	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr James Alexander	City of York Council
Cllr Keith Wakefield	Leeds City Council
Cllr Peter Box CBE	Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Lib Peck	Lambeth London Borough Council
Cllr Nicholas Crofts	Liverpool City Council
Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
Cllr Amy Cross	Blackpool Council
Cllr Helen Holland	Bristol City Council
Cllr Anne Western	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Ron Round JP	Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Mahroof Hussain MBE	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Judith Blake	Leeds City Council
Cllr Claire Kober	Haringey Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Tracey Simpson-Laing	City of York Council

Cllr Iain Malcolm	South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr John Clarke	Gedling Borough Council
<b>Conservative ( 37)</b>	
Cllr Nicolas Heslop	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Cllr Teresa O'Neill	Bexley Council
Cllr Paul Bettison	Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Cllr Geoffrey Theobald OBE	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr Martin Tett	Buckinghamshire County Council
Cllr Mike Jones	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cllr Kenneth Taylor OBE	Coventry City Council
Cllr Roger Phillips	Herefordshire Council
Cllr David Simmonds	Hillingdon London Borough Council
Cllr Robert Light	Kirklees Metropolitan Council
Cllr Martin Hill OBE	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Marco Cereste	Peterborough City Council
Cllr Neil Clarke MBE	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Cllr Peter Fleming	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Gary Porter (Vice Chairman)	South Holland District Council
Cllr Philip Atkins	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Joanna Spicer MBE	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Kay Hammond	Surrey County Council
Cllr David Hodge	Surrey County Council
Cllr Gordon Keymer CBE	Tandridge District Council
Cllr Ravi Govindia	Wandsworth London Borough Council
Cllr Melvyn Caplan	Westminster City Council
Cllr Jonathan Owen	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Cllr David Finch	Essex County Council
Cllr Colin Noble	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Philippa Roe	Westminster City Council
Cllr Deborah Croney	North Dorset District Council
Cllr Izzi Seccombe	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr David Burbage MBE	Windsor & Maidenhead Royal Borough
Cllr Kevin Bentley	Colchester Borough Council
Cllr Nigel Ashton	North Somerset Council
Cllr Steve Count	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Kenneth Meeson	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Roger Begy OBE	Rutland County Council
Cllr Jane Scott OBE	Wiltshire Council
Cllr Elaine Atkinson	Borough of Poole
Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE	Gloucestershire County Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
<b>Liberal Democrat ( 12)</b>	
Cllr Keith House	Eastleigh Borough Council
Cllr Barbara Janke	Bristol City Council
Cllr Lisa Brett	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr Jeremy Hilton	Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Liz Green	Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council
Cllr Richard Kemp CBE	Liverpool City Council
Cllr Claire Hudson	Mendip District Council
Cllr Howard Sykes MBE	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Heather Kidd	Shropshire Council

Cllr Jill Shortland OBE	Somerset County Council
Cllr Cathy Bakewell MBE	South Somerset District Council
Cllr Stan Collins	South Lakeland District Council
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Tim Bick	Cambridge City Council
Cllr Flick Rea MBE	Camden Council
Councilman Edward Lord OBE JP	City of London Corporation
Cllr Hilary Jones	Derby City Council
Cllr David Neighbour	Hart District Council
Cllr Chris White	Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr Abigail Bell	Hull City Council
Cllr Jeff Reid	Northumberland Council
Cllr Alan Connett	Teignbridge District Council
Mayor Dorothy Thornhill MBE	Watford Borough Council
Cllr Roger Symonds	Bath & North East Somerset Council
<b>Independent ( 10)</b>	
Cllr Daniella Radice	Bristol City Council
Cllr Robert Bucke	Tendring District Council
Cllr Norman Bradbury	Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Chris Townsend	Mole Valley District Council
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice Chairman)	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Robert Dutton OBE	Wrexham County Borough Council
Cllr Mike Eathorne-Gibbons	
Cllr Glenda Vaughan-Powell	
Cllr Norman Murphy	
Alderman Sir David Wootton	
<b>Substitutes</b>	
Cllr Peter Reeve	Cambridgeshire County Council

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**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday, 11 June 2015, 12.30 pm, Westminster Suite, 8th Floor, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

