

Councillors' Forum

Agenda

Thursday, 10 March 2022
12.30 pm

Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and
Online

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

Guidance notes for members and visitors **18 Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ**

Please read these notes for your own safety and that of all visitors, staff and tenants.

Welcome!

18 Smith Square is located in the heart of Westminster, and is nearest to the Westminster, Pimlico, Vauxhall and St James's Park Underground stations, and also Victoria, Vauxhall and Charing Cross railway stations.

Security

All visitors (who do not have an LGA ID badge), are requested to report to the Reception desk where they will be asked to sign in and will be given a visitor's badge to be worn at all times whilst in the building.

18 Smith Square has a swipe card access system meaning that security passes will be required to access all floors. Most LGA governance structure meetings will take place on the **ground floor, 7th floor and 8th floor** of 18 Smith Square.

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

Fire instructions

In the event of the fire alarm sounding, vacate the building immediately following the green Fire Exit signs. Go straight to the assembly point in Tufton Street via Dean Trench Street (off Smith Square).

DO NOT USE THE LIFTS.

DO NOT STOP TO COLLECT PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

DO NOT RE-ENTER BUILDING UNTIL AUTHORISED TO DO SO.



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Toilets

Unisex toilet facilities are available on every floor of 18 Smith Square. Accessible toilets are also available on all floors.

Accessibility

If you have special access needs, please let the meeting contact know in advance and we will do our best to make suitable arrangements to meet your requirements.

Every effort has been made to make the building as accessible as possible for people with disabilities. Induction loop systems have been installed in the larger meeting rooms and at the main reception. There is a parking space for blue badge holders outside the Smith Square entrance and two more blue badge holders' spaces in Dean Stanley Street to the side of the building. There is also a wheelchair lift at the main entrance. For further information please contact the Facilities Management Helpdesk on 020 7664 3015.

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The LGA also offers the Govroam network, a Wi-Fi network which gives Members seamless roaming internet access across multiple public-sector locations if you have also signed up for this service. This network is enabled throughout our Westminster building and allows Members and staff from other authorities who are part of the Govroam network to seamlessly connect to our Wi-Fi.

Further help

Please speak either to staff at the main reception on the ground floor, if you require any further help or information. You can find the LGA website at www.local.gov.uk

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There will be a meeting of the Councillors' Forum at **12.30 pm on Thursday, 10 March 2022** Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online.

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

11.00am	Conservative	Westminster Suite (8 th floor)
11.00am	Labour	Smith Square Rooms 3 & 4 (Ground floor)
11.00am	Independent	Eaton Cockell Room (7 th floor)
11.00am	Liberal Democrat	Beecham Room (7 th floor)

A sandwich lunch will be available in Smith Square Rooms 3 & 4 (Ground Floor).

LGA Hybrid Meetings

All of our meetings are available to join in person at 18 Smith Square or remotely via videoconference as part of our hybrid approach. We will ask you to confirm in advance if you will be joining each meeting in person or remotely so we can plan accordingly, if you wish to attend the meeting in person, please also remember to confirm whether you have any dietary/accessibility requirements. 18 Smith Square is a Covid-19 secure venue and measures are in place to keep you safe when you attend a meeting or visit the building in person.

Political Group meetings:

The group meetings will take place in advance of the meeting. Please contact your political group as outlined below for further details.

Apologies:

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

Conservative:	Group Office: 020 7664 3223	email: lgaconservatives@local.gov.uk
Labour:	Group Office: 020 7664 3263	email: labgp@lga.gov.uk
Independent:	Group Office: 020 7664 3224	email: independent.grouplga@local.gov.uk
Liberal Democrat:	Group Office: 020 7664 3235	email: libdem@local.gov.uk

Attendance:

Your attendance, whether it be in person or virtual, will be noted by the clerk at the meeting.

LGA Contact:

David Pealing
07920230092 / david.pealing@local.gov.uk

Carers' Allowance

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Councillors' Forum – Membership 2021/22

Councillor	Authority
Conservative (39)	
Cllr James Jamieson OBE (Chairman)	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE (Vice Chairman)	Warwickshire County Council
Cllr John Fuller OBE	South Norfolk District Council
Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE	Bexley Council
Cllr Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Philip Atkins OBE	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr David Fothergill	Somerset County Council
Cllr Linda Robinson	Wychavon District Council
Cllr Joanne Laban	Enfield London Borough
Cllr Nicholas Jones	Bury Metropolitan Borough
Cllr Paul Bettison OBE	Bracknell Forest Borough Council
Cllr Kevin Bentley	Essex County Council
Cllr Rory Love OBE	Kent County Council
Cllr William Nunn	Breckland Council
Cllr Teresa Heritage	Hertfordshire County Council
Lord Gary Porter CBE	South Holland District Council
Cllr Abi Brown	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
Cllr Peter Golds CBE	Tower Hamlets Council
Cllr David Renard	Swindon Borough Council
Cllr Peter Fleming OBE	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Richard Wenham	Central Bedfordshire Council
Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
Cllr Nick Chard	Kent County Council
Cllr Alan White	Staffordshire County Council
Cllr Andrew Proctor	Norfolk County Council
Cllr Keith Glazier	East Sussex County Council
Cllr Michael Wilcox	Lichfield District Council
Cllr Glen Sanderson JP	Northumberland Council
Cllr Roger Phillips	Herefordshire Council
Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE	Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Barry Lewis	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Tim Oliver	Surrey County Council
Cllr Martin Tett	Buckinghamshire Council
Cllr Antony Mullen	Sunderland City
Cllr Martin Hill OBE	Lincolnshire County Council
Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen	Breckland District Council
Cllr Emily Barley	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough
Cllr Olivia Lyons	Cannock Chase District Council
Cllr Linda Taylor	Cornwall Council
Labour (36)	
Cllr Nick Forbes CBE (Senior Vice-Chair)	Newcastle upon Tyne City Council
Cllr Michael Payne	Gedling Borough Council

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble	Hackney London Borough Council
Cllr Jas Athwal	Redbridge London Borough
Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
Cllr Oliver Ryan	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Alice Perry	Islington Borough Council
Cllr Georgia Gould	Camden Council
Cllr Tudor Evans OBE	Plymouth City Council
Cllr Shabir Pandor	Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Paulette Hamilton	Birmingham City Council
Cllr Andrew Western	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council
Mayor Marvin Rees	Bristol City Council
Cllr Judi Billing MBE	Hertfordshire County Council
Cllr Darren Rodwell	Barking and Dagenham London Borough Council
Cllr Shaun Davies	Telford and Wrekin Council
Cllr Simon Henig CBE	Durham County Council
Cllr Nesil Caliskan	Enfield Council
Cllr Carl Johnson	North Tyneside Council
Cllr Timothy Swift MBE	Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Richard Henry	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr Damien Greenhalgh	Derbyshire County Council
Cllr Rachel Sutton	Exeter City Council
Cllr Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Islington London Borough
Cllr Naushabah Khan	Medway Council
Cllr Dhanisha Patel	Bridgend County Borough Council
Cllr Andrew Morgan	Rhondda Cynon Taff
Sir Stephen Houghton CBE	Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Amy Cross	Blackpool Council
Cllr Doina Cornell	Stroud District Council
Cllr Sharon Taylor OBE	Stevenage Borough Council
Cllr Brigid Jones	Birmingham City Council
Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
Cllr Shama Tatler	Brent Council
Cllr Amanda Serjeant	Chesterfield Borough Council
Cllr Louise Gittins	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Independent (11)	
Cllr Marianne Overton MBE (Vice-Chair)	North Kesteven District Council
Cllr Hannah Dalton	Epsom and Ewell District Council
Cllr Paul Woodhead	Cannock Chase District Council
Cllr Sue Baxter	Bromsgrove District Council
Cllr Rosemarie Harris	Powys County Council
Cllr Colin Mann	Caerphilly County Borough Council
Cllr Andrew Cooper	Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Helen-Ann Smith	Ashfield District Council
Cllr Sarah Rouse	Malvern Hills District Council
Cllr Mike Haines	Teignbridge District Council
Cllr Ian Stephens	Isle of Wight Council
Liberal Democrat (9)	
Cllr Joe Harris (Vice-Chair)	Cotswold District Council
Cllr Bridget Smith	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Keith Aspden	York City Council

Cllr Keith House	Eastleigh Borough Council
Cllr Heather Kidd	Shropshire Council
Cllr Howard Sykes MBE	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr Sean MacLeod	Lewes District Council
Cllr Vikki Slade	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council

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