

## Minutes of last Councillors' Forum meeting

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### Councillors' Forum

Thursday, 9 June 2022

Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online

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### Attendance

An attendance list is attached as [Appendix A](#)

Item	Decisions and actions
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<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Declarations of Interest</b>
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<b>2</b>	<b>The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP - Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</b>
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The Chairman welcomed the Secretary of State to the meeting and thanked him for his time. The Secretary of State took questions from the room on the following topics:

- National grid capacity and infrastructure to support Net Zero;
- Removing red tape to help Councils access funding;
- Support to help retrofit housing stock; and
- The Fairer Funding review.

<b>3</b>	<b>Donna Jones - National Lead for Victims and Serious Organised Crime for the Association for Police and Crime Commissioners</b>
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The Chairman welcomed Donna Jones to the meeting and Donna gave an introduction on her work as the National Lead for Victims and Serious Organised Crime for the Association for Police and Crime Commissioners. In particular she highlighted the work of the police and National Crime Agency in tackling serious and organised crime in local communities and raising the point that Councils might help in raising the profile of that work and encouraging people to come forward and help identify offenders.

<b>4</b>	<b>Chairman's Update</b>
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The Chairman introduced his report updating on recent work of the LGA, highlighting in particular the way in which the organisation was pivoting to respond effectively to the impact of the war in Ukraine and the arrival of refugees and others from that country.

<b>5</b>	<b>LGA Board Chair Reports</b>
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The Chairman invited the following Chairs to update on the work of their Boards in turn:

- a) Children and Young People Board - Cllr Anntoinette Bramble
- b) Community Wellbeing Board - Cllr David Fothergill
- c) Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board - Cllr David Renard
- d) People and Places Board - Cllr Kevin Bentley

**6 Digest of the last meeting held on 10 March 2022**

The digest of the last meeting was agreed as a correct record.