

Minutes of last Councillors' Forum meeting

Councillors' Forum

Thursday, 8 June 2023

Hybrid Meeting - 18 Smith Square and Online

Attendance

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

Item	Decisions and actions
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1 Welcome, Declarations of Interest

The Chairman welcomed Members to the Forum.

He expressed thanks to all members for their work in the LGA year, with special thanks to those who had stood down or not been re-elected in May. In particular:

Lord Gary Porter – Former Chairman of the LGA

David Renard – Former Chairman of the Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board

Peter Fleming – Former Chairman of the Improvement and Innovation Board

2 Chairman's Update

Members noted the Chairman's Update.

3 LGA Board Chair Reports

The Chairman invited the following Chairs to update on the work of their Boards:

- Children and Young People Board – Cllr Louise Gittins
- Community Wellbeing Board – Cllr David Fothergill
- Improvement and Innovation Board – Cllr Abi Brown

4 Digest of the last meeting held on 9 March 2023

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

5 Presentation on LG Inform and Performance Management

The Chairman invited Juliet Whitworth, Head of Research and Information, to give a [presentation](#) on the LG Inform and Performance Management.

LGA Inform is the LGA's online data benchmarking service, designed to help councillors view information about their council easily and quickly. Alongside LG Inform, the LGA runs a data programme to help councils make better use of data.

6 The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP - Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

The Chairman welcomed The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP – Secretary of State for Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to the meeting.

The Secretary of State took questions and comments from the room on the following topics:

- Voter ID
- Devolution
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Waste and recycling reform
- Office for Local Government (Oflog)

The Chairman thanked the Secretary of State for his time.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr James Jamieson OBE	Central Bedfordshire Council
Vice-Chairman	Cllr Shaun Davies	Telford and Wrekin Council
	Cllr Joe Harris	Cotswold District Council
	Cllr Marianne Overton MBE	North Kesteven District Council
	Cllr Izzi Seccombe OBE	Warwickshire County Council
Deputy-chairman		
Members	Cllr Robert Alden	Birmingham City Council
	Cllr Jon Ball	Ealing Council
	Cllr Kevin Bentley	Essex County Council
	Cllr Philip Broadhead	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
	Cllr Abi Brown	Stoke-on-Trent City Council
	Cllr Nesil Caliskan	Enfield Council
	Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen	Breckland District Council
	Cllr Bev Craig	Manchester City Council
	Cllr Hannah Dalton	Epsom and Ewell District Council
	Cllr Tudor Evans OBE	Plymouth City Council
	Cllr David Fothergill	Somerset County Council
	Cllr Louise Gittins	Cheshire West and Chester Council
	Cllr Peter Golds CBE	Tower Hamlets Council
	Cllr Damien Greenhalgh	High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council
	Cllr Simon Henig CBE	Durham County Council
	Cllr Richard Henry	Stevenage Borough Council
	Cllr Georgina Hill	Northumberland Council
	Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe	Bradford Metropolitan District Council
	Cllr Anthony Hunt	Torfaen County Borough Council
	Cllr Brigid Jones	Birmingham City Council
	Cllr Heather Kidd MBE	Shropshire Council
	Cllr Vince Maple	Medway Council
	Cllr John Merry CBE	Salford City Council
	Cllr William Nunn	Breckland Council
	Cllr Tim Oliver	Surrey County Council
	Cllr Shabir Pandor	Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council
	Cllr Roger Phillips	Herefordshire Council
	Cllr Leigh Redman	Somerset County Council
	Mayor Marvin Rees	Bristol City Council
	Cllr Tony Saffell	North West Leicestershire District Council
	Cllr Amanda Serjeant	Chesterfield Borough Council
	Cllr Bridget Smith	South Cambridgeshire District Council
	Cllr Lucy Stephenson	Rutland County Council
	Cllr Howard Sykes MBE	Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
	Baroness Taylor of Stevenage OBE	Stevenage Borough Council
	Cllr Richard Wenham	Central Bedfordshire Council