**Chairman’s Update**

This report covers the Chairman’s activities in the period since the last Councillors’ Forum: 19 October 2017 – 25 January 2018.

**LGA and Ministerial/Parliamentary business**

25 Oct The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP (Secretary of State, Department for Transport)

25 Oct The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

26 Oct David Lloyd (Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire; Chair of Association of Police Commissioners)

3 Nov South West Councils meeting

7 Nov John Penrose MP (Chair, All Party Parliamentary Group on Housing and Planning )

9 Nov Cllr Nicholas Rushton (Leader), John Sinnott (CEO); Leicestershire County Council

13 Nov Jason Ablewhite (Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire)

14 Nov 4 Association UK forum (LGA, COSLA, WLGA, NILGA)

15 Nov Cllr Paul Carter (Chair, County Councils Network)

16 Nov Building Safety Programme Ministerial Group

17 Nov North East Regional Meeting

23 Nov The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP (Secretary of State, Department for Education)

28 Nov Cllr Mark Hawthorne (Chair, People and Places Board)

28 Nov Clive Betts MP (Chair, Communities and Local Government Committee)

13 Dec Sean Hanson (Chief Executive, Local Partnerships)

20 Dec Building Safety Programme Ministerial Group

10 Jan Public Service Leadership Academy Roundtable

10 Jan Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP (Secretary of State, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government)

12 Jan Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire APPG meeting

12 Jan Yorkshire & Humber regional meeting

25 Jan Cllr Martin Tett (Chair, EEHT)

**Meetings with organisations and individuals**

23 Oct Arshad Bhatti (CEO), Val Bagnall (MD) (Apex Housing Group)

26 Oct Ólöf Jónsdóttir (Rockwool, Head of Public Affairs)

6 Nov Paul Everall (Chief Executive, LABC)

29 Nov Alex Challoner (MD, Cavendish Place Communications)

5 Dec Mr Andrew Heyn OBE (HM Consul General to Hong Kong), Esther Blythe (Deputy Head of Mission)

5 Dec Craig Morley (First Secretary & FCO Head, South China Regional Network)

14 Dec Claire Curtis-Thomas (CEO, British Board of Agrément)

18 Dec Lyn Taylor (Sales Director), Richard Lawrence (Director) - Deans Gate Group

**Events and speaking engagements**

20 Oct Westminster Foundation for Democracy

6 Nov County All Party Parliamentary Group Autumn Parliamentary Reception

7 Nov LGiU C'llr Achievement Awards 2017

14 Nov John Montague (MD, The Big Issue Group)

14 Nov All-Party Parliamentary Media Group Annual Reception

15 Nov All-Party Parliamentary Fire Safety and Rescue Group Reception

15 Nov LGA Conservative Vice Presidents lunch

20 Nov County Councils Network conference

21 Nov District Councils Network autumn assembly

24 Nov LGA Independent Group conference

4/10 Dec UCLG Executive Bureau and World Council

12 Dec LGA staff conference

18 Dec LGA 18 Smith Square opening

9 Jan LGA finance conference

16 Jan LGC100 2018 Launch