**Chairman’s Update**

This report covers the Chairman’s activities in the period since the last Councillors’ Forum: 26 January – 8 March 2018.

**LGA and Ministerial/Parliamentary business**

29 Jan Essex County Council - Chairman/Mark meeting Cllr Finch/Gavin Jones

1 Feb South East England Councils

1 Feb Dexeu / LGA, COSLA, WLGA, NILGA (four associations) meeting

21 Feb Sir Oliver Letwin MP - Review of Build Out

26 Feb Rishi Sunak MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Local Government, MHCLG)

28 Feb Tacking modern slavery and people trafficking implementation taskforce (Cabinet Office)

6 Mar Rt Hon Esther McVey MP (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions)

**Meetings with organisations and individuals**

7 Feb Heather Jameson (Editor, The MJ)

27Feb Irwin Turbitt (A Good Crisis)

6Mar Professor Richard Hull (University of Central Lancashire)

**Events and speaking engagements**

30 Jan Fire Safety Rescue APPG

6 Feb Vote 100 programme reception

8 Feb DCN National conference

21 Feb LGRU and Municipal Journal Councillor Commission report launch

22 Feb Capital Economics research launch on Setting Social Rent

27 Feb LGA Labour Vice Presidents lunch

27 Feb Social Justice Caucus meeting with the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP (Secretary of State, Department for Health and Social Care)

6 Mar Improvement & Efficiency Awards 2018

8 Mar UK in a Changing Europe conference - Brexit and Sub-National Government