Local Housing Allowance briefing to Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

The LGA has been working with partners including Crisis, Shelter, London Councils, the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) and the Residential Landlords Association (RLA) to strengthen and develop its position on the impact on councils and tenants of the freeze to the private sector Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate.

Cllr Richard Watts attended a round table with the Secretary of State on 28 February 2019. The LGA and partners followed up with the attached private policy briefing, which will form the basis for ongoing discussions with officials and ministers as we move towards the forthcoming Spending Review.

**Recommendation**

That members note that the LGA’s position has been raised with Ministers, found at **Appendix A**, a briefing that was sent to the Secretary of State.

Action

Members note the update.

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