**Chairman’s Update**

This report covers the Chairman’s activities from 31 July until 31 October 2019.

**LGA and Ministerial/Parliamentary business**

31 July Luke Hall MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Local Government and Homelessness)

31 July EU Exit Delivery Board with MHCLG Secretary of State

14 Aug RT Hon Robert Jenrick MP (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government)

14 Aug Tom Walker (Director General, Decentralisation and Growth, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government)

22 Aug Liam Booth-Smith (Special Adviser to the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street)

23 Aug Luke Hall MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Local Government and Homelessness)

23 Aug RT Hon Rishi Sunak MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury)

03 Sept HCLG Committee – Private Roundtable

04 Sept RT Hon Matt Hancock MP (Secretary of State for Health and Social Care)

17 Sept RT Hon Theresa Villiers MP (Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

# 18 Sept RT Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP (Secretary of State for Education)

18 Sept Jeremy Pocklington (Director General, Housing & Building Safety)

18 Sept Melanie Dawes CB (Permanent Secretary)

15 Oct Local Government EU Exit Delivery Board meeting with MHCLG Secretary of State

22 Oct Kevin Foster MP & Cllr Ruth Dombey

22 Oct RT Hon James Brokenshire MP

22 Oct Luke Hall MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Local Government and Homelessness)

23 Oct RT Hon Matt Hancock MP (Secretary of State for Health and Social Care)

**Meetings with organisations and individuals**

19 July Meet Councillor John Hart, Chair of SW Councils and Leader of Devon County Council

25 July Australian Government Officials

25 July (American Business) Chris Hasbrook, Vice President and General Manager of the Building and Life Safety Technologies Division of UL

25 July Anne Longfield, Children's Commissioner and Emily Frith, Head of Policy and Advocacy

31 July Cllr Kevin Bentley Deputy Leader Essex County Council

14 Aug Sean Hanson - Chief Executive, Local Partnerships

21 Aug Interview with LGC

22 Aug Ageing better - Anna Dixon Chief Exec & Carol Black

04 Sept BBC Television Interview

05 Sept Sir Michael Lyons non-executive chairman of the English Cities Fund and Participle Ltd

06 Sept Newcastle Regional Leaders Roundtable Meeting

11 Sept Cllr. Paul Carter CBE - Leader of Kent County Council

12 Sept Round Table with UN-habitat Director - Maimunah Mohd Sharif

17 Sept National Association of Local Councils - Chair Sue Baxter

17 Sept Martin Swales, President of SOLACE and Chief Executive, South Tyneside Council

18 Sept Public Sector Executive Interview

25 Sept Harry Phibbs – Conservative Home

30 Sept Mark Vlessing CEO – Pocket Living

30 Sept Nicholas Harris, Chief Executive and Sue Shirt, Executive Director –Stonewater

30 Sept Kat Henderson, Chief Executive – National Housing Federation

30 Sept Craig McWilliam, Chief Executive Officer, Grosvenor

30 Sept Carol Matthews (CEO), John Glenton (Executive Director Care and Support) & Hugh Owen (Director of Strategy and Public Affairs) – Riverside

01 Oct Brian Berry, Chief Executive – Federation of Master Builders

09 Oct Victor Da Cunha, Chair - Homes for the South West

22 Oct Jonathan Carr West – LGIU

30 Oct Anne Longfield, Children's Commissioner for England

30 Oct Steve Collins, Chief Executive – Rent Plus

**Events and speaking engagements**

10 July Future of Children's services lunch, House of Commons

15 July LGIU APPG Summer Reception, House of Commons

19 July South West Leaders Meeting – Speaking

17 Sept Local Partnerships 10th Birthday, House of Lords

25 Sept National Housing Summit - Opening & Q&A alongside Kate Henderson (Chair – Homes England) & Simon Dudley (NHF & Homes England)

25 Sept BBC 3 - People Awards

29 Sept Conservative Home Drinks Reception on the Northern Powerhouse with the Rt Hon Jake Berry MP, Minister of State for the Northern Powerhouse and MHCLG – Conservative Party Conference

29 Sept Chairman’s Reception – Conservative Party Conference

29 Sept Conservative Councillors Association Panel – Conservative Party Conference

30 Sept Policy Exchange Fringe Panel- at Conservative Party Conference - 'How can new build homes be green, beautiful and high quality?'

30 Sept Localis Fringe Event 'Nothing Left to Loose, Reframing the Housing Debate' – Panel – Conservative Party Conference

30 Sept LSE Conservative Party Fringe Debate - ‘Pathways to Prosperity: Can all UK Regions Thrive?’ – Conservative Party Conference

30 Sept Dinner with Cratus – Conservative Party Conference

01 Oct Centre for Policy Studies - Panel Discussion, 'Fixing the Care Crisis: Solving Social Care', in association with the charity Independent Age – Conservative Party Conference

09 Oct Peopletoo - Discussion Workshop: Embedding Social Value in All Council Activities

14 Oct County APPG Parliamentary Reception, House of Commons

22 Oct Food Standards Agency Parliamentary Reception – House of Commons

29 Oct National Association of Local Councils – Annual Conference – Speaking