

## Chair's update

This report covers the Chair's activities from 19 October to 25 January

### LGA and Ministerial/Parliamentary business

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>23</b>	Introductory call with Minister Buchan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Housing and Homelessness)
<b>23</b>	Pre-meeting with LGA Asylum Task Group
<b>24</b>	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
<b>24</b>	Call with Minister Jacob Young MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
<b>24</b>	Meeting with LGBTQIA Staff Network
<b>25</b>	Meeting of Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan Ministerial Taskforce, co-chaired by the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
<b>26</b>	LGA Asylum Task Group with Minister Jenrick, Immigration Minister
<b>30</b>	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
<b>30</b>	Meeting with Bridget Phillipson MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education
<b>31</b>	Meeting with Sarah Calkin, Editor, Local Government Chronicle
<b>31</b>	BAME and Women's Network Coffee Morning
<b>31</b>	Meeting with Minister Rowley, Minister for Local Government
<b>31</b>	Call with Cllr Richard Kemp CBE, Deputy Lord Mayor of Liverpool, on care leavers and CCLA
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>1</b>	Call with Cllr Kevin Bentley, Senior Vice-Chair of the LGA and Leader of the Conservative Group
<b>2</b>	Call with the Daily Telegraph regarding temporary accommodation
<b>6</b>	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive

6	Meeting with the BAME Network Steering Group
13	Group Leaders and SMT meeting
13	Meeting with Lord Bichard, with Cllr Marianne Overton, on the White Paper
14	Corporate Peer Challenge – Progress Review sessions
14	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
14	Meeting with Minister Mercer, as Cross-Government Lead for Care Leavers
14	Call with Cllr John Hart, Leader of Devon County Council, ahead of meeting of South West Leaders
15	Introductory meeting with Minister Hoare, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities).
17	Meeting with South West Regional Leaders Meeting
17	Meeting with Recruiter & Head of HR on CEO recruitment
20	Catch-up with Lord Porter at CCN Conference
20	CCN Conference and Annual Dinner
21	All-staff meeting with Group Leaders
21	Meeting of the Ministerial Local Net Zero Forum led by Lord Callanan
21	Informal Group Leaders meeting
22	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
22	Media for Autumn Statement: BBC News Channel, BBC Shropshire
24	Interview with The Observer
26	Interview with Times Radio
30	Interview with LBC
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
6	Interview with LBC News
6	Meeting with Jim McMahon MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government
6	Meeting with Minister Rowley, Minister for Housing and Planning
6	Media with ITV News and Talk TV
6	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
7	LGA Board
7	Executive Advisory Board

11	Meeting with Stephen Kinnock MP, Shadow Minister for Immigration
11	Chaired Roundtable with Minister Mercer, Veterans' Affairs, & Minister Buchan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing and Homelessness.
15	Meeting with Cllr Baggy Shanker, Leader of Derby City Council
18	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
18	Meeting with Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Minister Hoare, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities).
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19	Interviews for LGA Chief Executive
19	IDeA Board
21	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive
21	Interview with Sky News
<b>JANUARY</b>	
8	Meeting with Sarah Calkin, Editor, Local Government Chronicle
8	Informal Group Leaders meeting
8	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
8	Call with Cllr Claire Holland, Acting Chair, London Councils
9	Meeting with Ed Miliband MP, Shadow Secretary of State of Climate Change and Net Zero
9	Catch-up with Pete Robbins, Head of Labour Group Office, LGA
10	Call with Joanna Killian, Incoming Chief Executive, LGA (from 18 March 2024)
10	Catch-up with DCN Executive
10	Meeting with Liz Kendall MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
10	Meeting with Thangam Debbonaire MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport

15	Right Care, Right Person Roundtable with partners across local government, the NHS, and Police
15	Meeting with Wes Streeting MP, Shadow Secretary of State of Health and Social Care
16	Meeting with London Councils' Leaders
16	Meeting with Yorkshire & the Humber Leaders' Board
17	Meeting with Cllr Tom Hunt, Leader of Sheffield City Council
18	Meeting with Mike Greene, Chief Executive, Stockton-on-Tees Council
19	Meeting with LGA President, Baroness Tanni-Grey Thompson
19	Meeting with Cllr Nick Kemp, Leader of Newcastle City Council
19	Regional visit to North East, Stockton-on-Tees Council
23	Meeting with Minister Hoare, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities), with Group Leaders, CCN Chair, DCN Chair, SIGOMA Chair, and Acting Chair of London Councils
23	Meeting with Preet Kaur Gill, Shadow Minister for Primary Care and Public Health
23	Catch-up with Sarah Pickup, Acting Chief Executive, and Sally Burlington, Deputy Chief Executive
24	Launch of report by Jo Cox Civility Commission into the safety of elected members and meeting with Rt. Hon Jacqui Smith, Chair, with Cllr Marianne Overton
24	Meeting with Jim McMahon MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government
24	LGA Board
24	IDeA Board
25	Meeting with Joanna Killian, Incoming Chief Executive, LGA, with LGA Group Leaders
25	Councillors' Forum
25	Executive Advisory Board

### Meetings with organisations and individuals

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
23	Meeting with Dr Jenny Harries, Chief Executive, UK Health Security Agency

<b>30</b>	Meeting with Keith Fraser, Chair, and Adele Gritten, CEO, of Local Partnerships
<b>31</b>	Meeting with Donna Jones, Chair, and Phil Golding, CEO, of Association of Police and Crime Commissioners
<b>31</b>	Meeting with Sarah Newton, Chair, Health and Safety Executive
<b>31</b>	Meeting with John Pearce, President, Association of Directors of Children's Services
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>6</b>	Meeting with Lord Adebawale, Chair, NHS Confederation
<b>15</b>	Attended APCC-NPCC Partnership Summit 2023
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>5</b>	Meeting with Lord Morse, Chair, and Josh Goodman, CEO, OFLOG
<b>6</b>	Meeting with Paul Nowak, President, Trades Union Congress
<b>11</b>	Meeting with Sir Nicholas Serota, Chair, Arts Council

### Events and speaking engagements

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>20</b>	Attended and addressed CCN Conference, Marlow
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>14</b>	Introduced <i>Drive Forward's</i> Care Leavers webinar
<b>January</b>	
<b>9</b>	Attended and addressed LGA Finance Conference, London