

# Working with the LGA

## A guide for parliamentarians



# Who we are and what we do

Local government created the LGA to be its national voice with central government and Parliament. We are a politically-led, cross-party organisation which works on behalf of councils and fire and rescue services to ensure they have strong and credible representation nationally.

The LGA lobbies and campaigns for changes in policy and legislation on behalf of its member councils and the people and communities they serve. We aim to keep local government at the top of the political agenda and raise its profile in the national media.

In 2015-2020, making the case for local government will be vital. We look forward to working with parliamentarians on subjects of joint interest concerning local government, while driving forward our key campaigns: **Future Funding, DevNext** and **Show Us You Care**:

[www.local.gov.uk/campaigns](http://www.local.gov.uk/campaigns)

2014/2015 saw **1,429** mentions of the LGA in Parliament – on average we were quoted seven times each day Parliament was sitting to debate policy and legislation

**DEVO  
NEXT**

**FUTURE  
FUNDING**  
YOUR LOCAL AREA

INVESTING IN  
OUR NATION'S  
**FUTURE**  
THE FIRST 100 DAYS  
OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT

*Show us you care* 

## How we can help you

- Providing support and advice, either by way of a written briefing or in person, relating to Bills and government policy to ensure they uphold the interests of local government.
- Advising you on the drafting of parliamentary questions, amendments and motions.
- Producing ‘on the day’ briefings in response to significant events in the parliamentary calendar, such as the Queen’s Speech, the Budget, the Autumn Statement and the Local Government Finance Settlement.
- Producing regular briefings in advance of debates and parliamentary questions or tailored background briefings on request in response to Select Committee inquiries.
- Working with APPGs and stakeholders to contribute to parliamentary inquiries and secure local government representation at their events.
- Helping you to understand your constituency with current data about your local area and the performance of your council or fire and rescue authority via the **free online data tool** LG Inform, [www.lginform.local.gov.uk](http://www.lginform.local.gov.uk)

All our briefings are available on our website at [www.local.gov.uk/parliament](http://www.local.gov.uk/parliament)

During the 2010-2015 parliamentary session, the LGA was referenced on **4,523** occasions in the House of Commons and **1,741** occasions in the House of Lords

## Keep in touch

There are various ways you can keep in touch and up-to-date with our latest campaigns and publications:

Email us at **[publicaffairs.team@local.gov.uk](mailto:publicaffairs.team@local.gov.uk)** or contact our Public Affairs Manager, Lee Bruce, on 020 7644 3097. We are always keen to assist parliamentarians and parliamentary researchers working on issues relating to local government.

### Parliamentary bulletin

Subscribe to our Parliamentary Bulletin, issued every Friday when Parliament is sitting. We analyse the week's events in Parliament as they affect local government. To sign up, email **[publicaffairs.team@local.gov.uk](mailto:publicaffairs.team@local.gov.uk)**

### Ebulletins

Register on the LGA website to subscribe to our other ebulletins by visiting our website [www.local.gov.uk/my-account](http://www.local.gov.uk/my-account).

These cover a range of policy areas from adult social care to housing and transport and give relevant, timely information on the key issues facing local government.

### First magazine

Read the digital edition of First, the LGA's magazine for councillors, [www.local.gov.uk/first-digital-edition](http://www.local.gov.uk/first-digital-edition)

### Social media

Follow us on Twitter, [@lgacomms](https://twitter.com/lgacomms)

### Events

Attend our Annual Conference, one of one of the biggest political conferences of the year, Smith Square Debates or regular parliamentary reception, [www.local.gov.uk/events](http://www.local.gov.uk/events)

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