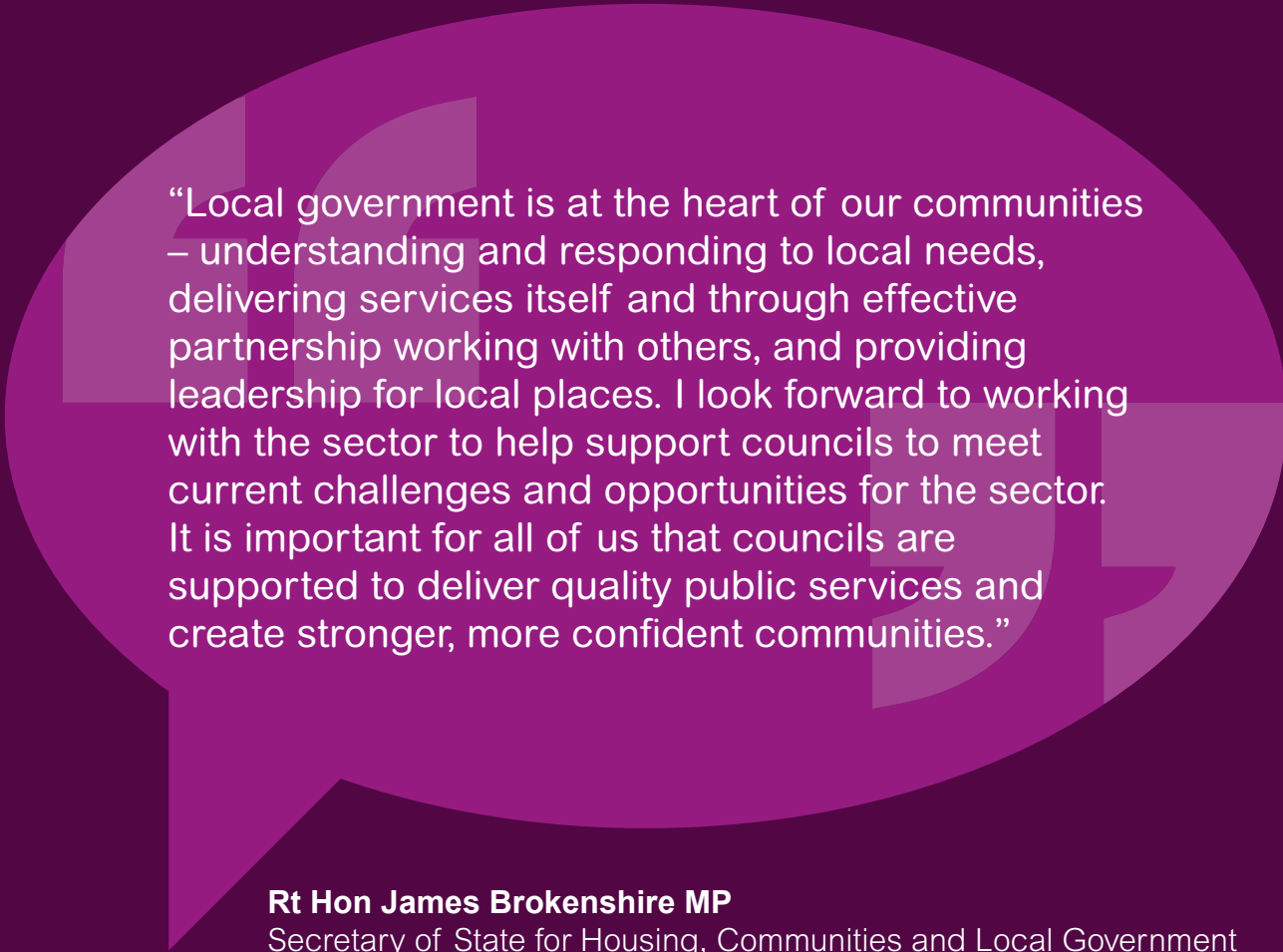




LGA in Parliament 2017/18

The national voice of local government in Parliament



“Local government is at the heart of our communities – understanding and responding to local needs, delivering services itself and through effective partnership working with others, and providing leadership for local places. I look forward to working with the sector to help support councils to meet current challenges and opportunities for the sector. It is important for all of us that councils are supported to deliver quality public services and create stronger, more confident communities.”

Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Foreword

Lord Porter of Spalding CBE Chairman
Mark Lloyd Chief Executive

Welcome to this year's LGA in Parliament report. We are delighted to take this opportunity to update you on how we have been working with parliamentarians to ensure the LGA is the national voice for councils. We know from our membership survey that our lobbying on behalf of local government is important to you.

Since our last update there has been a General Election and we are mid-way through a two year parliamentary session that has seen a significant focus on the Government passing the legislation needed to implement Brexit. We have produced more than 92 parliamentary briefings in this session to date to shape debates on policy and legislation. And through our Brexit campaign we sought to influence the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill so that councils continue to be consulted on laws that affect them, as has been the case through the EU's Committee of the Regions. We are pleased to update that, following our campaigning, the Government has made a commitment in Parliament to update formally through a written statement on how they will give local government a clear assurance as to how it will be consulted following the repatriation of powers from the EU. We will continue to work on behalf of councils to ensure that this consultative role is delivered, without the creation of new bureaucracies.

With less Government legislation being discussed in Parliament, the last year has seen a lot of interest in Private Members' Bills, legislation that is brought forward by individual parliamentarians. We've been working on proposals that have sought to change laws on housing standards, taxi licensing and domestic violence. Through this forum, we've continued to promote positive change that helps councils continue to support their residents.

Parliamentary committees continue to be vital to the work the LGA does on behalf of its membership. These provide an opportunity for us to share ideas and build consensus for local government's policy recommendations. In the past year we have responded to 52 parliamentary inquiries, either by providing written submissions or through our councillors and officials giving evidence in person. We've used our evidence to promote recommendations on a wide range of subjects, from housing to adult social care, children's services to the Fair Funding Review and business rates. In doing this we've been able to positively influence a range of parliamentary reports, securing cross-party support from influential groups of MPs and Peers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our President, Vice-Presidents and all the MPs and Peers we work with on a daily basis. Without their support and engagement, we would not be able to achieve what we do. We would also like to thank those from across local government who have supported our lobbying, whether giving evidence to Parliament directly or contributing your ideas and innovations to our policy-making so that we can champion them on your behalf. A day does not go by in Parliament without the LGA being name-checked, and this wouldn't be possible if we didn't get such great support from national and local politicians alike.

The final year of this parliamentary session will no doubt bring challenges to the local government family as there is less money in the pot, even though the demands for our services are increasing. As you will all be aware, local government is facing unprecedented challenges. But it's also an exciting time to be promoting the work of councils and leading the conversation on public service reform. At its best, local government provides the strong and ambitious leadership that ensures the nation remains fit and well, economically resilient and continues to thrive. It is our role to ensure the important democratic role of local government features in national debate and that we continue to be an influential voice in Westminster.



Porter of Spalding
Lord Porter of Spalding CBE
Chairman



Mark Lloyd
Mark Lloyd
Chief Executive

Introduction

The LGA is a politically-led, cross-party organisation, working on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice in Parliament. Our parliamentary lobbying is integral to what we do for councils. We work with our network of parliamentary supporters, including our Vice-Presidents (those with a strong interest in the work of local government who champion its causes in Parliament), to promote positive change and public service reform. This includes lobbying on legislation, supporting councillors and officers giving evidence to parliamentary committees, and bringing together councils, MPs and Peers at events. We also work with a range of partner organisations and stakeholders to help influence parliamentary decisions and to inform committee recommendations.

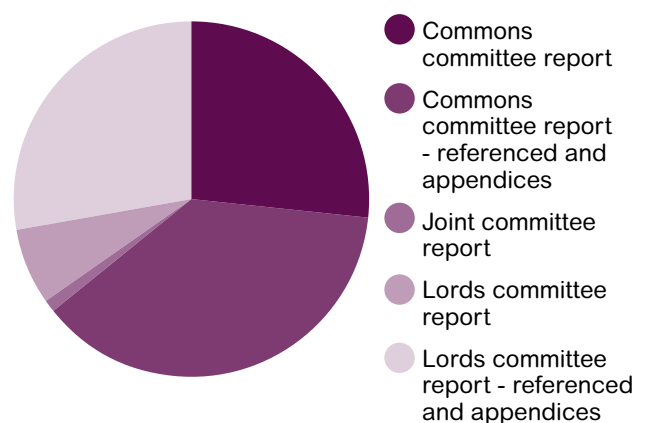
Through our parliamentary engagement we have sought to promote the messages behind our campaigns on fair funding, social care, Brexit and devolution, improving mental health services, building new homes, changing children's lives, and devolving employment and skills support. These are the things councils have told us are most important to them and their residents. Our regular polling of parliamentarians shows strong support for the campaigns we run on behalf of local government. This is demonstrated by the fact that, of those polled in November 2017, 86 per cent of MPs and 89 per cent of Peers agreed with us that councils should have more financial powers and freedoms; and 84 per cent of MPs and 81 per cent of Peers agreed that additional funding should go to councils' social care budgets to tackle the funding crisis.

Through this work we've helped achieve some notable wins for local government, including a recommendation from the influential cross-party Treasury Committee calling for the

Housing Borrowing Cap to be lifted and a positive commitment, through our engagement with the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, that local government will remain a key partner as new laws are brought forward. Set out in this publication are just some examples of where we've influenced Parliament on behalf of our councils.

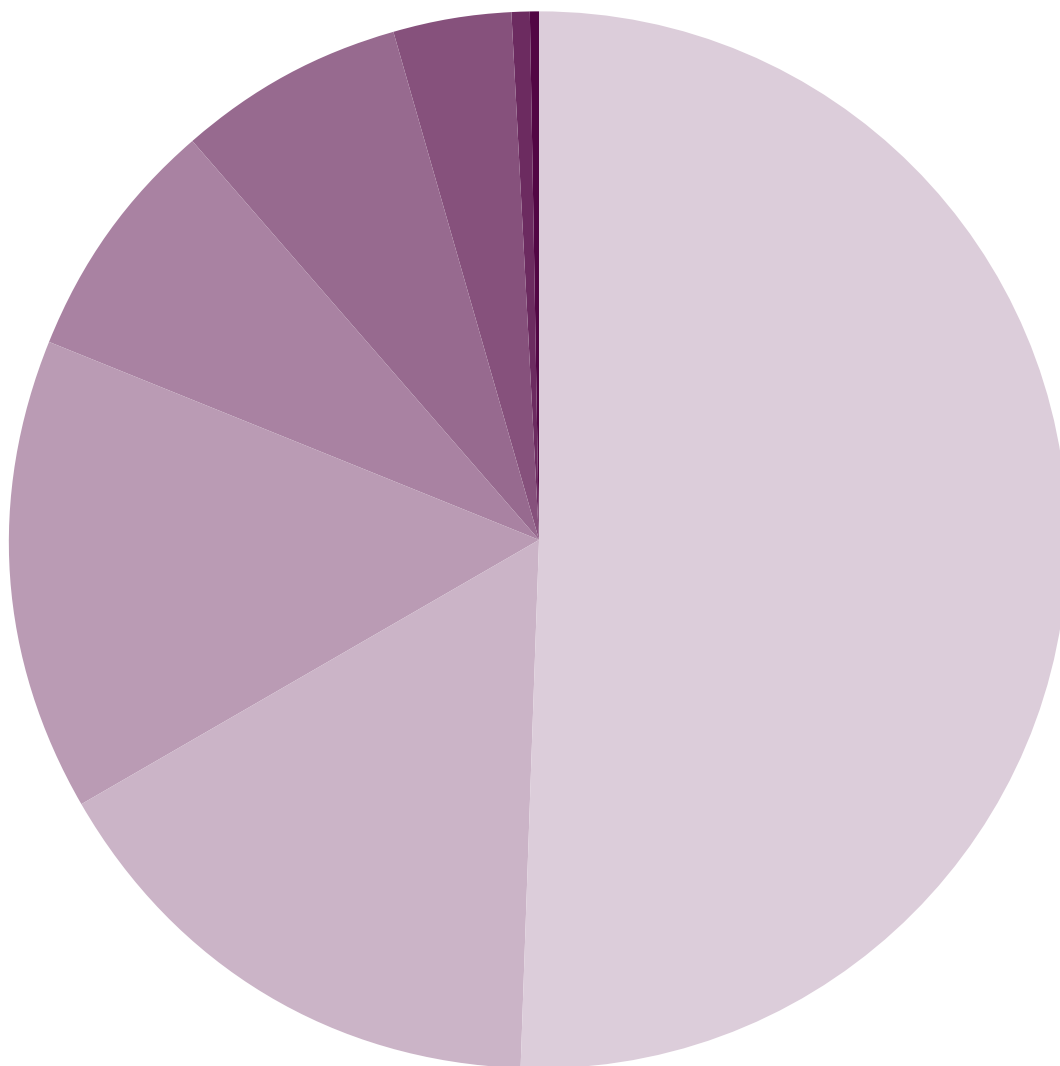


Mentions in committee reports and press releases



Analysis of parliamentary activity

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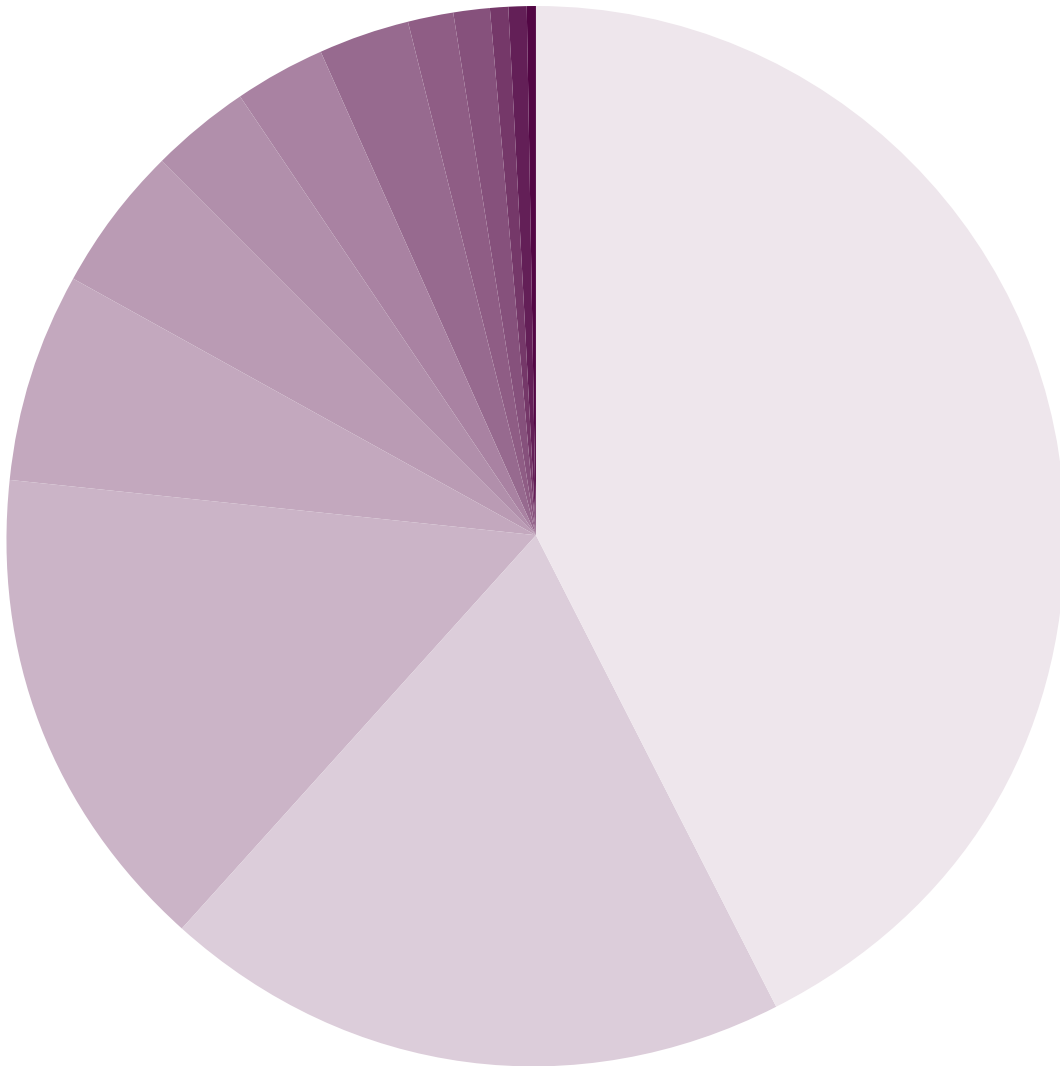
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- Chamber Debate
 - Oral statement/debate
 - Written answer
 - Oral answer
 - Grand Committee Debate
 - Written question tabled
 - Private Notice Question
 - Committee evidence session

“The Government have been very clear that we are consulting with local government and will continue to do so throughout the withdrawal process. Local government has a clear and vital role to play as we depart from the EU and the Government are committed to facilitating it”

Lord Bourne

Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Total Commons mentions 714



- Committee evidence session
- Written answer
- Chamber debate
- Westminster Hall debate
- Written question tabled
- Oral statement/debate
- Delegated Legislation Committee

- Oral answer
- Urgent Question
- Written ministerial statement
- Early day motion
- Observation
- Public Bill committee

Legislation

EU (Withdrawal) Bill

The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill will convert the entire body of European law into UK law, with the intention of giving businesses and individuals the certainty of knowing the rules have not changed on the day the UK leaves the European Union. We have been calling for Brexit to lead to new legislative freedoms and flexibilities for councils so that local areas – residents and businesses – benefit, rather than simply a transfer of powers from Brussels to Westminster, Holyrood, Stormont and Cardiff Bay. Our engagement up until this point has led to an EU-UK agreement that the UK will continue to participate in European Union regional funding until 2021. We have also secured a ministerial commitment that local government will be consulted on law-making following the repatriation from Europe, rights currently exercised through the European Union Committee of the Regions.

Licensing of Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles Bill

As part of our work to improve public safety, last year the LGA commissioned a new National Register of Revocations and Refusals (NR3) to allow councils to share information about taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) drivers who have previously had a licence refused, or taken away. The introduction of a Private Members' Bill by Daniel Zeichner MP (Labour, Cambridge), aimed to take the LGA's work forward by making the use of this register a legal requirement. Despite having the support of the Government, as well as cross-party consensus, the Bill did not go through, as it ran out of parliamentary time on the day it was debated.

We continue to work with the Government and parliamentarians to ensure councils have the appropriate powers to improve passenger safety. Technological developments have rapidly outgrown legislation (some of which dates back to the 19th century) and we are calling for a comprehensive overhaul of the patchwork legislation in this area.

The Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill

The Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill seeks to implement two measures proposed at the Autumn Budget 2017. These are to reverse the effects of the Supreme Court ruling on the business rates valuation practice known as the 'staircase tax', and to give councils the discretion to double the empty homes council tax premium. MPs from both sides of the House reiterated the recommendation in our briefing to fully fund the impact of the reversing the 'staircase tax'. We are also using this Bill's passage through Parliament as an opportunity to campaign for further fiscal flexibilities for local government, and tools to tackle the housing shortage.

Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Act 2018

The Secure Tenancies Act 2018 makes provision about the granting of old-style secure tenancies in cases of domestic abuse. The Act will require local authorities to re-house ‘lifetime’ tenants leaving their home under a secure tenancy due to domestic violence, in a similar tenancy. Local authorities will also be required to offer lifetime tenancies to tenants remaining in their home which was rented under a joint tenancy, and where the perpetrator has left. This will apply to both housing association tenants and council tenants leaving social rented homes. We welcome the Act, and during its passage through Parliament we worked with parliamentarians to call for the duty to re-house to be extended to housing associations. The Government recognised the desire to see housing associations offer the same tenancies as councils to victims of domestic abuse. We also urged the Government to enable councils to provide more social rented homes.

Tenant Fees Bill

The Tenant Fees Bill seeks to ban the imposition of letting fees on prospective tenants in the private rented sector. The Bill also proposes introducing a lead enforcement authority in the lettings sector and cap security deposits at six weeks’ rent. We supported the publication of the legislation and will work with Parliament and the Government to improve the Bill. As part of our work on the Bill we gave evidence to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee’s pre-legislative scrutiny inquiry. In our evidence we called for additional funding for local trading standards teams to enforce the Bill and clear guidance on the process for councils to recover the cost of prosecutions. The Committee’s pre-legislative report supported these calls, and we will seek to shape the legislation for councils as it progresses through Parliament.

Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation and Liability for Housing Standards) Bill

The Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation and Liability for Housing Standards) Bill is a Private Members’ Bill introduced by Karen Buck MP, and has received the support of the Government. The Bill seeks to ensure all landlords are legally obliged to maintain rented accommodation in a decent and safe standard. We supported the introduction of the legislation and are working with MPs and the Bill’s sponsor to ensure councils can fully implement the measures.

“We know that legislation concerning education, housing, social care and numerous other issues has been improved by the involvement of local government. Parliament benefits from the experience that many Members gain from serving in local government and working for the LGA and its members”

Baroness Eaton

Conservative Peer and former
Chairman of the LGA

Debates and Questions

Each week Parliament sits, we brief parliamentarians on key local government issues. This is often achieved through briefing for Prime Minister's Questions, Opposition Day, Backbench Business, general or Westminster Hall debates in the Commons, debates in the Lords, or the tabling of Parliamentary Questions. We also ensure MPs are briefed on local government issues ahead of Departmental Questions, highlighting our policies on issues including council finances, social care, health, transport, housing, Brexit, skills and inclusive local economic growth.

To ensure local government priorities are represented in parliamentary discussions we provide information, evidence and advice for parliamentarians. Since June 2017 we have produced 92 parliamentary briefings, highlighting the priorities in our campaigns and helping to illustrate the effects of national policy changes on local communities. The LGA is regularly quoted in both the House of Commons and House of Lords. This ensures local government's concerns and policy recommendations are kept high on the parliamentary agenda and helps central government to understand the challenges councils face.

Key highlights from the year include:

Britain's exit from the EU

- In answer to a question on post-Brexit devolution to councils in November 2017, Government spokesperson Lord Young of Cookham spoke about consultation with local authorities and the LGA to understand the impact of Brexit, and to explore what repatriated powers can be devolved from Westminster.
- In December 2017, during a Committee Stage debate on the EU (Withdrawal) Bill, Labour MP Chris Leslie MP called on the Government to address the LGA's points on the policymaking role of local government at an EU level.

Devolution and funding for local government

- At a session of Prime Minister's Questions in March 2017, the Leader of the Opposition, Jeremy Corbyn MP, referenced a LGA media release in which our Chairman Lord Porter warned that councils are now beyond the point where council tax can plug the funding gap.
- Speaking in November 2017, Liberal Democrat Peer Baroness Tyler of Enfield utilised LGA figures to raise her concerns on overall funding for local authorities.
- During a debate on local infrastructure in March 2018, Conservative MP and LGA Vice-President Andrew Lewer called for local authorities to be "more sovereign, more respected and less lorded over by central government".

Inclusive growth, jobs and housing

- Speaking in March 2018, Lord Porter made the point that the only time the country has ever reached 300,000 homes was when councils were allowed to take up their role to deliver a major part of them.
- During a debate on skills and apprenticeships reform in January 2018, the Shadow Skills Minister, Gordon Marsden MP, cited research commissioned by the LGA on the skills gap, and encouraged the Minister to look at our Work Local proposals.
- Liberal Democrat MP Layla Moran, speaking in a debate on homelessness in February 2017, echoed the calls we have been making to MPs regarding the Homelessness Reduction Act, calling for extra funding to be made available to councils in order to implement it.
- Speaking on the 17 May 2018, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Tracey Crouch MP announced the Government's intention to reduce the maximum stakes on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals from £100 to £2. This is something that the LGA has been pursuing on behalf of councils and we are delighted that the Government has responded so positively to our joint campaigning.

Children, education and schools

- Speaking during a debate on schools in November 2017, Shadow Education Spokesperson, Lord Watson of Invergowrie, called on the Government to listen to the LGA, citing our work to defend services for local communities.
- Lord Ouseley, a Crossbench Peer, tabled a parliamentary question in January 2018 on the resources for the needs of vulnerable children, highlighting the LGA's analysis on referrals to local authorities' children's services teams.
- In February 2018, during a debate on child poverty, LGA Vice-President Julia Lopez MP linked tackling the problem to the need to address the housing crisis. She called on councils to be unleashed to lead redevelopment.

Adult social care and health

- In January 2018, Lord Porter spoke during the debate on the NHS plans and the delivery of services over the winter period. In his speech, Lord Porter called for the adequate funding for social care and highlighted how without a sustainable adult social care system there could not be a sustainable NHS.
- In a debate on health and social care, Labour Peer Baroness Wheeler quoted from our briefing to reiterate that delayed transfers are a symptom, not the cause, of pressures on the NHS and to call for more investment in prevention and community services.
- Crossbench Peer Baroness Greengross spoke in a debate on care for older people in September 2017, highlighting the consequence of long-term under funding of adult social care.

Supporting councils

- During a debate on the role of women in public life in February 2018, LGA Vice-President Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb highlighted the work of our 'Be a Councillor' campaign which seeks to ensure local government reflects the communities it represents.
- In March 2017, in answer to a question on training for councillors, the Minister for Local Government, Rishi Sunak MP, highlighted the support the LGA provides to local government including training and support for members and officers.
- In addition, throughout the year the LGA's Chairman, Lord Porter, has tabled parliamentary questions to Ministers on issues including funding pressures, Brexit, children's services, adult social care, affordable housing, apprenticeships, fire safety and Fixed Odds Betting Terminals. Each question tabled receives a formal response from the Government and ensures policy is scrutinised.

Parliamentary inquiries

In 2017/18, we gave evidence to more than 52 parliamentary inquiries, covering a range of issues including business rates, Brexit, adult social care funding, housing and children's mental health. Each separate inquiry covered policy areas of relevance to local government, and presented an opportunity to put forward councils' concerns and interests to parliamentarians.

Our evidence to inquiries often forms part of the recommendations to Government contained in the final committee reports. Key highlights include:

- Our Vice Chairman, Councillor David Simmonds, gave evidence to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee's inquiry into business rates retention. This inquiry focused on the impact on councils of the delay in the implementation of further business rates retention and the Fair Funding Review. Following our evidence, the report included a series of positive recommendations that would be of benefit to councils' financial sustainability. These include the Committee urging the Government to use the additional business rate income from further retention to meet the funding gap facing local government rather than transferring in grants, to recommend the Government provide additional funding to compensate authorities for significant losses due to appeals, and to devolve further fiscal powers to local government.
- A central element of our housing campaign is our call for the removal of the Housing Revenue Borrowing cap to help local government play its part in increasing housing supply. Our lobbying secured the support of the Treasury Committee, following the evidence from our Senior Vice-Chair Councillor Nick Forbes as part of their inquiry into the Autumn Budget. In its report the Committee favourably set out that, "in order to increase local authority construction to levels sufficient to meet the Government's 300,000 target, the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap should be removed."
- In December 2017 the Communities and Local Government Committee, further to our evidence on Brexit and local government, wrote to the Secretary of State asking for updates on all our concerns on the future of EU funding streams and developing a framework to replicate the statutory role of the Committee of the Regions. The Secretary of State, Sajid Javid MP issued a positive response, stating that, 'on Committee of the Regions, Government is committed to conducting further detailed conversations with the four local government associations about how the consultative role of the Committee of the Regions'.

"If the Government were to adopt even half the LGA's proposals to tackle homelessness, it would make a real difference."

Baroness Donaghy
Labour Peer



"Within the short space of time that I have served as Local Government Minister, I have seen countless examples of the lengths to which councils go to serve their communities. It is a privilege to represent them in the Government, and I commend the hard-working staff and councillors delivering the services on which our communities depend."

Rishi Sunak MP,
Minister for Local Government

- The House of Lords EU Committee reported on the findings of its inquiry into competition and state aid. The findings quoted our concerns and policy positions extensively on issues such as the regional support grant. On UK state aid rules, the Committee also recommended that, in developing this framework, "the Government should take into account calls from local authorities for a less complex and burdensome approval process than under the current EU regime."
- In February 2018 the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee published the report following their inquiry into the housing for older people. The inquiry examined whether the housing available to older people was sufficient and suitable to their needs, and also took into account the pressures on health and social care. The report itself supported our call for a national focus on providing more housing for older people, and made helpful points about joining up with the Social Care Green Paper.
- In March 2018 the Government set out its response to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee's report on the effectiveness of the overview and scrutiny system currently operating at the local government level. Our Vice-Chair, Councillor Marianne Overton MBE, gave evidence on behalf of the LGA to this inquiry. The Government's response to the findings supported the arguments we made in our evidence to the Committee, including on the importance of sector-led improvement.
- As part of the Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry into disposable packaging the LGA provided written evidence on the need to invest in more reprocessing facilities. In January 2018, the Committee's report reflected our calls and argued that the revenue from the 25p coffee cup charge should be used to support local councils to provide coffee cup recycling infrastructure and waste management.
- The House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee inquiry on improving air quality took evidence from Councillor Adele Morris, Deputy Chair of the LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board, on the Government's plans are for tackling the health and environmental impacts of outdoor air pollution. The Committee published their report in March 2018 which featured extensive quoting of LGA policy positions. This included the need for a properly resourced national air quality support scheme available to all councils struggling with air pollution.
- We provided evidence to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee's inquiry into the Private Rented Sector in January 2018. In its final report, published in April, the Committee backed our call for the Government to give councils greater flexibility to implement selective licensing schemes for private landlords. The report also supported our calls for more funding to be provided to councils' housing enforcement teams.

Events

We host a number of events each year, as part of our engagement with the Government, Parliament and the political parties, to raise awareness of the opportunities and challenges facing councils.



Bright Futures parliamentary exhibition

We launched the second phase of our Bright Futures campaign during Children's Mental Health week in February 2018, calling on the Government to prioritise children's and adolescent mental health services. A particular highlight of this campaign was achieving cross-party consensus for an Early Day Motion on delivering school counselling. As part of the wider Bright Futures campaign we also hosted a week-long exhibition in the Upper Waiting Hall of the Houses of Parliament to raise awareness of the positive impact that social care and mental health services can have on children's lives. Sponsored by LGA Vice-President Wera Hobhouse MP (Liberal Democrat, Bath), the exhibition featured a number of early intervention case studies and was launched with a reception for MPs, Peers, service users and external stakeholders working in this area. Children and Families Minister, Nadhim Zahawi MP spoke at the launch.

Parliamentary reception

In June 2017 we hosted our annual parliamentary reception, bringing together Ministers, MPs and Peers of all parties, with council leaders and other representatives of local government. Our Chairman Lord Porter was joined by the then Minister for Local Government, Marcus Jones MP; and Meg Hillier MP, the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee. The reception was an opportunity to celebrate the best in local government and to discuss the challenges we need to address in order to ensure that councils can continue to deliver high quality public services.

Party conferences

Party conference season is an opportunity for us to promote the positive work of local government and the campaigns the LGA runs on behalf of its membership. In the 2017 party conference season we delivered a significant programme of events at the party conferences and our councillors spoke on issues ranging from adult social care, housing, improving the life chances of children and the public finances. Conferences are an opportunity for us to engage with stakeholders including businesses, charities, and think tanks.

Brexit Smith Square debate

In December 2017 we hosted a well-attended Smith Square debate on the impact of Brexit on local government, where we discussed the opportunities and challenges ahead for councils. Our guests, who included senior national and local politicians, heard the thoughts of the Chair of the Exiting the EU Committee, Hilary Benn MP; Liberal Democrat communities spokesperson Wera Hobhouse MP; and the then UKIP Leader, Henry Bolton.



“We deliver so much of what matters in people’s lives through local government, from bin collections and street cleaning, to planning, housing and adult care services.”

Wera Hobhouse MP
Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Housing,
Communities and Local Government

LGA President Lord Kerslake



I am delighted to be the LGA President and to have the opportunity to support the Association in making the case for local government. I know how valued the work of councils and the LGA is by Vice-

Presidents, and all those parliamentarians who care passionately about the public services councillors and their officials provide each and every day. Local government's track record of delivering services for residents and the LGA's ability to present a collective, cross-party view from its membership is what makes the organisation a credible, authoritative and highly respected voice in national debates.

Not a day goes by without the LGA being quoted in Parliament and I regularly receive positive feedback about the support the LGA provides to MPs and Peers. When a Peer stands to speak in a debate, it is often apparent if they have been briefed by the LGA as your briefings are timely, accurate and supported by detailed research.

In the current parliamentary session, parliamentarians have been dealing with some incredibly complex issues. It is a credit to local government that you are at the forefront of so many of these important debates, providing such high quality insight on issues such as Brexit, housing, children's services, adult social care and the future of council finances, to name a few.

I would like to thank all those in the LGA and local government who provide support to parliamentarians and take the time to respond to the various inquiries the parliamentary committees hold throughout the year. I look forward to continuing to work with Vice-Presidents and parliamentarians from across both Houses as we move into the second year of this parliamentary session.

LGA Vice-Presidents

Every year the four political groups at the LGA invite representatives from the House of Commons, House of Lords and European Parliament to be LGA Vice-Presidents, approved by our General Assembly. Our Vice-Presidents have an association with local government, and we support them in their day-to-day work. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Vice-Presidents who served during the 2017/18 parliamentary session for their invaluable support.

Lord Adebowale

Independent (Crossbench)

Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville

Liberal Democrat

Catherine Bearder MEP

South East England, Liberal Democrat

Lord Beecham

Labour

Lord Best

Independent (Crossbench)

Clive Betts MP

Sheffield South East, Labour

Lord Bichard

Independent (Crossbench)

Lord Bishop of St Albans

Independent, (Bishops)

Bob Blackman MP

Harrow East, Conservative

Baroness Eaton

Conservative

Tim Farron MP

Westmoreland and Lonsdale, Liberal Democrat

Baroness Greengross

Independent (Crossbench)

Baroness Grey-Thompson

Independent (Crossbench)

Simon Hoare MP

North Dorset, Conservative

Wera Hobhouse MP

Bath, Liberal Democrat

Baroness Howarth

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Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb

Independent (Green Party)

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Andrew Lewer MP

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Eastbourne, Liberal Democrat

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Hornchurch and Upminster, Conservative

Earl of Lytton

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Newcastle upon Tyne North, Labour

Jim McMahon MP
Oldham West and Royton, Labour

Patrick O'Flynn MEP
East of England, Independent (UKIP)

Baroness Pinnock
Liberal Democrat

Steve Reed MP
Croydon North, Labour

Baroness Scott of Bybrook
Conservative

Baroness Scott of Needham Market
Liberal Democrat

Lord Scriven
Liberal Democrat

Lord Shipley
Liberal Democrat

Baroness Smith of Basildon
Labour

Lord Smith of Leigh
Labour

Lord Storey
Liberal Democrat

Wes Streeting MP
Ilford North, Labour

Keith Taylor MEP
South East England, Independent
(Green Party)

Baroness Thornhill
Liberal Democrat

Lord Tope
Liberal Democrat

Lord True
Conservative

Derek Vaughan MEP
Wales, Labour

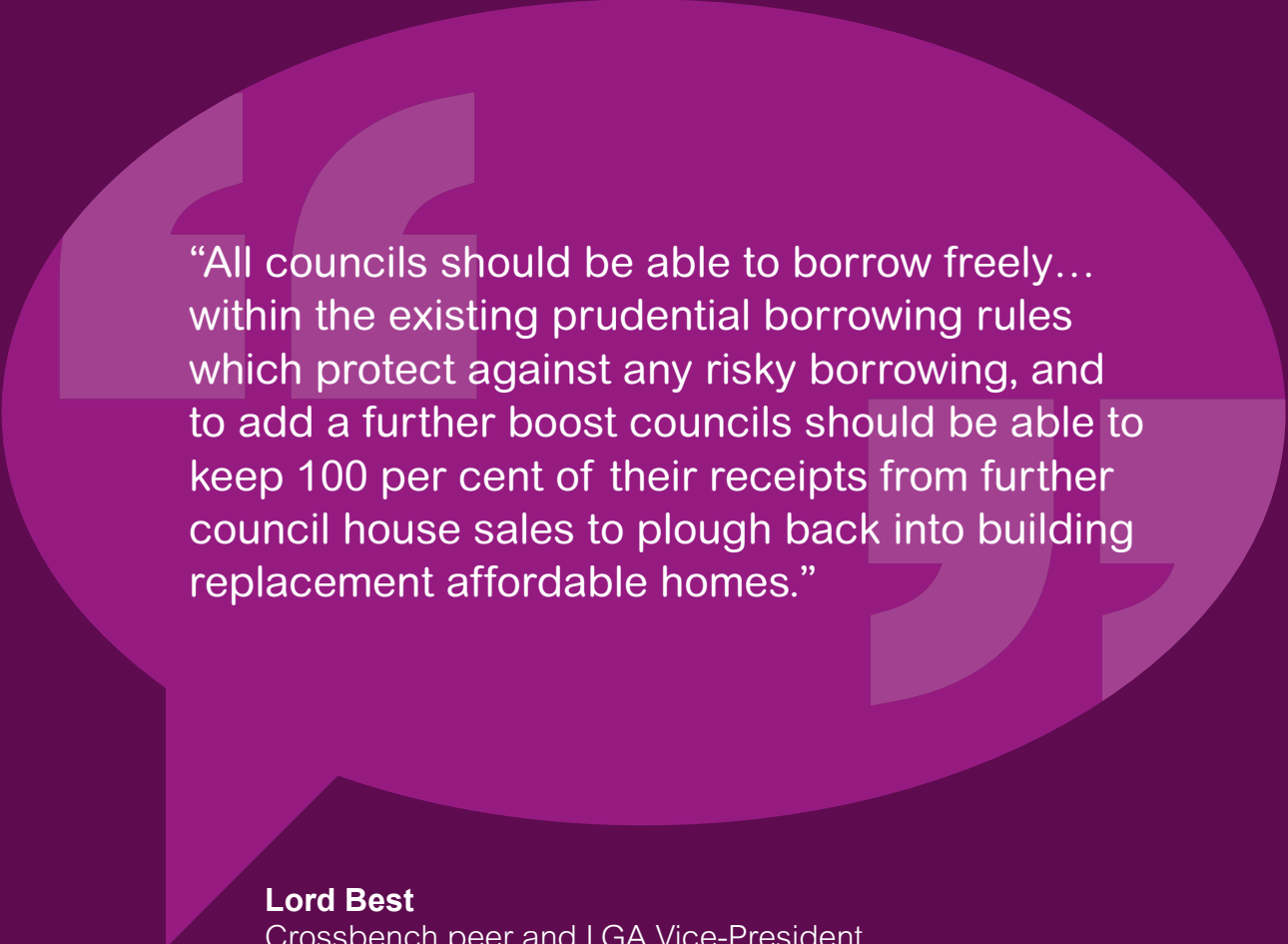
Charles Walker MP
Broxbourne, Conservative

Catherine West MP
Hornsey and Wood Green, Labour

Lord Whitby
Conservative

Lord Whitty
Labour

Lord Wigley
Caernarfon, Plaid Cymru



“All councils should be able to borrow freely... within the existing prudential borrowing rules which protect against any risky borrowing, and to add a further boost councils should be able to keep 100 per cent of their receipts from further council house sales to plough back into building replacement affordable homes.”

Lord Best

Crossbench peer and LGA Vice-President



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