



Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 25th February 2025

Time: 15:00

Location: Room U, Portcullis House

Introduction and Welcome

- **Jonathan Brash MP**, Chair of the APPG on Council Tax Reform
- Overview of the meeting's focus on **Local Government Reform (LGR)** and the integration of local government finance into the conversation.

Local Government Reform (LGR) – Shaping the Future

- Discussion on the long-term implications of the decisions being made now and how they will shape local government for decades.
- Importance of including local government finance in reform discussions to avoid building structures reliant on weak foundations and Treasury settlements.

Ensuring Value for Money in Reform

- Discussion on the structure of **parallel bureaucracies** in local government reform – What might this look like?
- **Accountability and responsibility:** Who will oversee and be held responsible for these significant changes?
- **Funding and taxation:** Will long-term settlements from HM Treasury require **Mayoral Taxes** or regional levies as part of new local governance structures?

Speakers TBC

- We expect to hear from a range of expert speakers in the coming weeks. Further details on confirmed speakers will be shared shortly.

Future Business

- Proposals for next steps in the APPG's agenda and future discussions.

Closing Remarks

- Summary of key points discussed
- Next meeting date and topics.

Meeting Quorate:

Yes

Parliamentary Attendees:

Jonathan Brash MP

Jonathan Hinder MP

Vikki Slade MP

Lord Fuller

Grahame Morris MP

Luke Myer MP