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Wednesday 8 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk  John Pugh
Mrs Mary Glindon Andy Sawford
James Morris John Stevenson
Mark Pawsey Heather Wheeler

1. Planning: permitted development rights

Resolved, that the Committee seek oral evidence from Nick Boles MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Planning), Department for Communities and Local Government, on permitted development rights.

2. Local Government Ombudsman

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Housing Ombudsman

Ordered, That correspondence from the Housing Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- National Association for Professional Inspectors and Testers (NAPIT)
- Glass and Glazing Federation
- Local Government Association
- Chief Fire Officers Association.

5. The Performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to performance of the department for Communities and Local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Department for Communities and Local Government
- Planning Practice Guidance.

Ordered, That ministerial correspondence with the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to Planning Practice Guidance be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Private Rented Sector

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the private rented sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Association of Residential Letting Agents
Richard Blakeway, Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, Greater London Authority, Stuart Corbyn, Chairman, Qatari Diar Delancy East Village Operations, and Neil Hadden, Chief Executive, Genesis Housing Association; Ian Fletcher, Director of Policy (Real Estate), British Property Federation, Paul Smee, Director-General, Council of Mortgage Lenders, and Nigel Terrington, Chief Executive, Paragon Group of Companies, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 May at 1.30 p.m.]

Monday 13 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk

John Pugh

Mark Pawsey

1. Private Rented Sector

Ruth Abbot, Housing Standards and Adaptations Manager, City of York Council, David Shepherd, Assistant Director, Housing, Employment and Skills, Bradford Metropolitan District Council, and John Statham, Head of Housing Partnerships, Leeds City Council; Liam Burns, President, National Union of Students, Irfan Ahmed, Director, East Midlands Property Owners, and Dr Richard Tyler, Co-ordinator, National HMO Lobby, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 15 May at 4 p.m.]

Wednesday 15 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk

James Morris

Mrs Mary Glindon

John Pugh
1. **Sustainable Communities Act 2007**

*Ordered*, That ministerial correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. **Private Rented Sector Housing**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the private rented sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Robert May, Addjuvare.

Cllr Tony Ball, District Councils’ Network, Harry Cotterell, President, Country Land and Business Association and Cllr Sarah Hayward, Leader, London Borough of Camden, gave oral evidence.

3. **Fire and Rescue Service and post-appointment hearing of the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser**

Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Peter Holland CBE, Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 May at 4 p.m.]

### Monday 20 May 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk \nMrs Mary Glindon \nJames Morris \nMark Pawsey

John Pugh \nAndy Sawford \nJohn Stevenson \nHeather Wheeler

1. **Local Government Ombudsman**

*Resolved*, That the Chair and Mark Pawsey have leave to visit the London offices of the Local Government Ombudsman in a representative capacity.

2. **Permitted development rights**

Draft Report (*Government reply to the Seventh Report of the Committee session 2012-13; Response to Government’s consultation on permitted development rights for homeowners*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The Government’s response to the Seventh Report of the Committee in Session 2012-13 was appended to the Report.

*Resolved*, That the Report be the First Special Report of the Committee to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

*Resolved*, That the Committee seek oral evidence from Nick Boles MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Planning), Department for Communities and Local Government, on the review of planning practice guidance.

*Ordered*, That Kelvin MacDonald, be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into permitted development rights and the review of planning practice guidance. (For details of declaration of interests see Appendix.)

4. **Building Regulations applying to electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the British Retail Consortium in regard to the labelling of electrical items be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. **Private rented sector housing**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the private rented sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- London Borough of Newham
- Citizens Advice
- National Landlords Association
- Office of Fair Trading
- Local Government Information Unit.

Mark Prisk, Minister of State for Housing, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

6. **Community Budgets**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to community budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- Tendring District Council
- Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
- Birmingham City Council
- District Councils' Network
- Essex County Council on behalf of the Essex Partnership Board
- Greater Manchester
- Local Government Association
- Royal College of Nursing
- West Cheshire
- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- Local Government Information Unit.

Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman, and Paul Raynes, Head of Programmes (Localism and Finance), Local Government Association, and Laura Wilkes, Policy Manager, Local Government Information Unit, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 3 June at 4 p.m.]
Tuesday 21 May 2013

The Chair and Mark Pawsey visited the Local Government Ombudsman in a representative capacity in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 20 May.

Monday 3 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk          John Pugh
Mrs Mary Glindon        Andy Sawford
James Morris            John Stevenson
Mark Pawsey             Heather Wheeler

1. Councillors on the frontline

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Councillors on the frontline be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Friends, Families and Travellers
Local Government Association
Sunderland City Council
Localis
Professor Colin Copus, De Montfort University
Cllr Clare Whelan
Cllr Mike Jordan
Cllr Nikki Bond
Cllr Rowan J Draper
Karen McGowan
Robin Potter
Michael Thrasher.

2. Permitted development rights

Ordered, That ministerial correspondence with the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to the Growth and Infrastructure Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. Community Budgets

Geoff Little, Deputy Chief Executive (Performance), Manchester City Council, Steve Robinson, Chief Executive, Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Jackie Mould, Director, Strategic Partnerships, Birmingham City Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 5 June at 4 p.m.]
Wednesday 5 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Mrs Mary Glindon       James Morris

1. **Knight Review of the Fire and Rescue Service**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into Facing the future: Findings from the review of efficiencies and operations in fire and rescue authorities in England by Sir Ken Knight.

2. **The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into the work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency.

3. **Greater London Authority Act 2007 and the London Assembly**

Professor John Stewart and Professor Tony Travers gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 June at 4 p.m.]

Monday 10 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk       Andy Sawford
Mrs Mary Glindon     John Stevenson
James Morris         Heather Wheeler
Mark Pawsey

1. **Implementation of welfare reform by local authorities**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Department of Communities and Local Government**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit the offices of the Department for Communities and Local Government.

3. **Greater London Authority Act 2007 and the London Assembly**

Sir Edward Lister, Chief of Staff of the Mayor of London, and Deputy Mayor for planning, Greater London Authority, Martin Hoscik, Editor, Mayor Watch, Mayor Jules Pipe, Chair, London Councils and Richard Tracey JP AM, Chair, London Waste and Recycling Board, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 June at 4 p.m.]
Monday 17 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk
Mrs Mary Glindon
James Morris
Mark Pawsey
John Stevenson
Heather Wheeler

1. **Procurement**

*Resolved*, That the Committee inquire into procurement.

*Ordered*, That Colin Cram, be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee its inquiry into procurement. (For details of declarations of interests, see Appendix.)

2. **Greater London Authority Act 2007 and the London Assembly**

Darren Johnson AM, Chair, London Assembly, gave oral evidence.

3. **Planning issues**

Nick Boles MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Planning), Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 18 June at 4 p.m.]

Tuesday 18 June 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk
Mrs Mary Glindon
James Morris
Mark Pawsey
Andy Sawford
Heather Wheeler

1. **Community budgets**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to community budgets be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Newcastle City Council
Leeds City Council
Greater Manchester.

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader, Essex County Council, Ian Davidson, Chief Executive, and Cllr Peter Halliday, Leader, Tendring Borough Council, Richard Puleston, Assistant Chief Executive, on behalf of the Essex Partnership Board; Steve Atkinson, Secretary, District Chief Executives Network and Chief Executive, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Chief Inspector Nicola Faulconbridge, Tunbridge Wells District Commander, Kent Police, Nazeya Hussain, Head of Policy and Partnerships,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Paul Warren, Chief Executive, Rochford District Council, District Councils’ Network, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 June at 4 p.m.]

**Monday 24 June 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk  
James Morris  
Mark Pawsey  
John Pugh  
Andy Sawford  
John Stevenson  
Heather Wheeler

1. **Knight Review of the Fire and Rescue Service**

Resolved, that the Committee seek oral evidence from Sir Ken Knight, on his review of the fire service.

2. **Town centres and high streets**

Resolved, that the Committee seek oral evidence from Mary Portas, on her report into High Streets.

3. **Community budgets**

Louise Casey CB, Director General, Troubled Families Programme, Department of Communities and Local Government, Jim Hopkinson, Head of Targeted Services and lead on Troubled Families, Leeds City Council, and Jayne Moules, Co-ordinator, Newcastle Families Programme, Newcastle City Council; Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State, and Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Local Government, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

4. **Greater London Authority Act 2007 and the London Assembly**

Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Local Government, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 1 July at 4 p.m.]
Monday 1 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk  
Mrs Mary Glindon  
James Morris  
Mark Pawsey

John Pugh  
Andy Sawford  
John Stevenson  
Heather Wheeler

1. Committee effectiveness

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 July at 4 p.m.]

Wednesday 3 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk  
Mrs Mary Glindon  
James Morris

Mark Pawsey  
John Stevenson

1. Petitions

The Committee considered the following Petitions to the House:

- from the users of Walsall Gala Baths about the closure of the swimming baths (P001183); and
- from residents of South East London about the proposed closure of Downham Fire Station (P001187).

2. Department of Communities and Local Government Main Estimates for 2013-14

Resolved, that the Committee write to the Department of Communities and Local Government.

3. National Audit Office

Agreed, that the National Audit Office provide a briefing on the work of the Department of Communities and Local Government and on the progress of Welfare Reforms.

4. Local Government Procurement

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 8 July at 4 p.m.]
Monday 8 July 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  John Pugh
Simon Danczuk  Andy Sawford
Mrs Mary Glindon  John Stevenson
James Morris  Heather Wheeler
Mark Pawsey

1. **Procurement**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Knight Review of the Fire and Rescue Service**

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Fire and Rescue Suppliers Association Council
- Local Government Ombudsman
- Mayor of London
- British Approvals for Fire Equipment
- Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service
- Local Government Association
- Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Services
- Retained Firefighters Union
- Chief Fire Officers Association
- Fire Protection Association
- Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
- Lancashire Fire Authority
- Fire-Resistant Glazing Group (FRGG)
- Dorset Fire Authority
- Skills for Fire and Rescue
- The Fire Brigades Union.

3. **The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency**

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Home Group
- Moat
- g15 Group
- Council of Mortgage Lenders
- Hyde Group
- Aster Group
- Residents’ Network
- Circle Housing Group
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- TPAS
4. **Private Rented Sector**

Draft Report (*Private Rented Sector*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 50-I.*

[Adjourned till Monday 15 July at 3.30 p.m.]

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**Tuesday 9 July 2013**

*The Chair, Simon Danczuk, Mrs Mary Glindon, James Morris, Mark Pawsey, John Pugh and John Stevenson visited the Department of Communities and Local Government, in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 10 June.*

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**Monday 15 July 2013**

*Members present:*

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk, John Pugh
Mrs Mary Glindon, Andy Sawford
James Morris, John Stevenson
Mark Pawsey, Heather Wheeler

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1. **The Performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Community budgets**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Greater London Authority Act 2007 and the London Assembly**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Electrical accreditation bodies**

*Resolved*, that the Committee seek oral evidence from electrical accreditation bodies.
5. **Local government procurement**

Colin Cram, Specialist Adviser, declared an additional interest. (For details of declaration of interests, see Appendix.)

6. **Knight review of the fire and rescue service**

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Fire Service College
- Association of Ambulance Chief Executives
- London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.

Sir Ken Knight, former Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser, gave oral evidence.

7. **The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency**

Mr Julian Ashby, Chair, Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 September at 3.30 p.m.]

**Monday 2 September 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
Mrs Mary Glindon  
James Morris  
Mark Pawsey

John Pugh  
Andy Sawford  
John Stevenson  
Heather Wheeler

1. **The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency**

Draft Report (*The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 310.

2. **Department for Communities and Local Government Post Legislative Scrutiny – Memorandum: Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (Cm 8685)**

The Committee considered this matter.
3. **Building Regulations**

*Ordered*, that ministerial correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to building regulations be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Decentralisation**

*Ordered*, that correspondence from the Prime Minister relating to decentralisation be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. **Permitted development**

*Ordered*, that ministerial correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to permitted development be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. **The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency**

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Hyde Group
- Julian Ashby, Chair of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency.

7. **The draft Deregulation Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

8. **High Streets: Portas Review**

Ms Mary Portas, retail expert, gave oral evidence.

9. **Building Regulations applying to electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, that the following correspondence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter (7 February 2013) from Certsure LLP, Electrical Contractors’ Association, Electrical Safety Council, Electric Safe Register Ltd and NAPIT Registration Ltd
- Letter (13 February 2013) from the Committee to electrical accreditation bodies
- Letter (6 June 2013) from Electrical Safety Council
- Letter (10 June 2013) from Committee to Electrical Safety Council and electrical accreditation bodies
- Letter (21 June 2013) from Electrical Safety Council
- Letter (28 June 2013) from ElectricSafe

Steve Bratt, Group Chief Executive Officer, Electrical Contractors’ Association (ECA), Phil Buckle, Director General, Electrical Safety Council (ESC), Emma Clancy, Chief Executive Officer, Ascertiva Group Ltd, the trading subsidiary of the Electrical Safety
Council and Martin Bruno, Chief Operating Officer of NAPIT (National Association of Professional Inspectors and Testers), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 September at 4 p.m.

Monday 9 September 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman
Simon Danczuk
Mrs Mary Glindon
James Morris

John Pugh
Andy Sawford
John Stevenson
Heather Wheeler

1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

2. High Streets: Portas Review

Ordered, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Mary Portas.

3. Building Regulations applying to electrical installation and repairs in dwellings

Ordered, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Certsure LLP, Electrical Safety Council and Electrical Contractors Association.

4. Department of Communities and Local Government Main Estimates for 2013-14

Ordered, That Estimates Memoranda supplied by the Department for Communities and Local Government and relating to Main Estimates for the financial year 2013-14 for the Department for Communities and Local Government and the ministerial correspondence received from the Department regarding the main estimates be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Knight review of the fire and rescue service

Ordered, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service.

Ron Dobson, Chief Fire Officer, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, Darran Gunter, Chief Fire Officer, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, and Steve McGuirk, County Fire Officer and Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service; Paul Fuller, Vice-President, Chief Fire Officers Association, Cllr Kay Hammond, Chair, Fire
Service Management Committee, Local Government Association, and Matt Wrack, General Secretary, Fire Brigades Union, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 9 October at 4 p.m.]

**Wednesday 9 October 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman                James Morris
Simon Danczuk               Mark Pawsey
Mrs Mary Glindon            John Stevenson

1. **Petitions**

The Committee considered the following Petitions to the House:

- from the residents of Cannock Chase concerning a proposal to redevelop Beecroft Road Car Park for shopping and leisure (P001222); and
- from the people of Dawley and the wider Telford area concerning the Friday market in Dawley (P001221).

2. **Building regulations**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to building regulations be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Electrical Safety Council
- NAPIT
- Electrical Contractors and NICEIC
- Dr Robert Judson
- AEW Electrical (Edinburgh)
- CRH Electrical
- Benjamin Lenyk
- That’s Electric! Ltd
- ElecInfo Ltd
- Astute Technical Services Ltd
- ElectricSafe Register.

3. **Local government procurement**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Abby Semple
- Association of Play Industries
- Audit Commission
- Birmingham City Council
- Cabinet Office
- Carillion
Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES)
Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply
Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT)
Cheshire West and Chester Council
CIPFA Commissioning Joint Committee
City of London Corporation
Civil Engineering Contractors Association
Committee on Standards in Public Life
Confederation of British Industry (CBI)
Department for Communities and Local Government
Dr Pedro Telles
Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation
Electrical Contractors’ Association
Essex County Council
Federation of Small Businesses
Halton Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Intellect
International Association for Contract & Commercial Management (IACCM)
John O’Connell
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Lambeth Council
Local Government Association
Local Government Ombudsman
London Councils
NASS
National Outsourcing Association
NCVO
North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO)
Oxygen Finance Ltd
Peter Cumings
Revolution Consulting
Scape
Solace
Solihull MBC
Specialist Engineering Contractors Group (SEC)
Staffordshire County Council
Steve Edgington
The Market Research Society
The Prince’s Trust
Timber Trade Federation UK
Unison
Warwickshire County Council
Weight Watchers
West London Alliance
YPO.
4. **Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman**

*Resolved*, that the Committee inquire into the work of the Local Government Ombudsman.

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from the LGO dated 1 October 2013.

5. **Permitted development rights**

*Ordered*, That ministerial correspondence with the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to permitted development rights be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. **Housing: NewBuy**

*Ordered*, That ministerial correspondence with the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to the NewBuy Protected Cell Company be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

7. **Councillors on the frontline**

*Resolved*, That the Committee attend a seminar at Westminster organised by Professor Copus, who is carrying out independent research into the Committee’s report, Councillors on the frontline, and the Government’s response to it.

8. **Community Budgets**

Draft Report (*Community Budgets*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 163.*


Draft Report (*Post-legislative scrutiny of the Greater London Authority Act 2007 and the London Assembly*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 213.*

[Adjourned till Monday 14 October at 4 p.m.]
Monday 14 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman                  Mark Pawsey
Simon Danczuk                 John Pugh
Mrs Mary Glindon              John Stevenson
James Morris                  Heather Wheeler

1. The Performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government

Ordered, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

a staff member, Department for Communities and Local Government.

Sir Bob Kerslake, Permanent Secretary, Helen Edwards, Deputy Permanent Secretary and Director General Localism, Peter Schofield, Director General, Neighbourhoods, David Rossington, Director, Finance, Andy Rose, Chief Executive, Homes and Communities Agency and Sir Michael Pitt, Chief Executive, Planning Inspectorate, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 21 October at 4.15 p.m.]

Monday 21 October 2013

The Chair, Bob Blackman, Mark Pawsey and Heather Wheeler attended a seminar at Portcullis House, Westminster examining the Committee’s report, Councillors on the frontline, and the Government’s response to it in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 9 October.

Monday 21 October 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman                  Mark Pawsey
Simon Danczuk                 Heather Wheeler
Mrs Mary Glindon

1. Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings.
2. **Chief officer remuneration**

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into local authority chief officer remuneration.

3. **Greater London Authority**

Resolved, That the Committee visit City Hall, London to discuss “Raising the capital: the report of the London Finance Commission”.

4. **Councillors on the frontline: Lobbying Bill**

Ordered, That ministerial correspondence with the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to the Lobbying Bill be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. **Firefighters’ pension schemes**

Ordered, That ministerial correspondence with the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to the firefighters’ pension schemes be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. **Knight review of fire and rescue services**

Ordered, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Cllr Hammond.

7. **Local government procurement**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Sheffield City Council.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Sheffield in connection with its inquiry into local government procurement.

[Adjourned till Monday 28 October at 4 p.m.]

**Monday 28 October 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Mark Pawsey  
James Morris

1. **Select Committee effectiveness**

The Committee considered this matter.
2. **Local authority accountability**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Local Government Procurement**

Brian Reynolds, Head of Productivity, Local Government Association, Lorraine Cox, Head of Procurement, Halton Borough Council, Julie Gill, Director of Resources, Cheshire West and Chester Council; Peter Challis, National Officer, Unison Local Government Services Group, and Kerry Hallard, Chief Executive Officer, National Outsourcing Association, gave evidence, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 4 November at 4 p.m.

**Monday 4 November 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk          Mark Pawsey
Mrs Mary Glindon       John Pugh
James Morris           Heather Wheeler

1. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That David McCullough, be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into building relations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings (For details of declaration of interests see Appendix.)

2. **The performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government dated 28 October 2013.

3. **Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Efficient Lighting Ltd¹
   Mr D Carins and Ms L Munnoch.

¹ Published with redactions
4. **Local Government Procurement**

(Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Federation of Master Builders
Transparency International UK
Market Dojo.

Mark Robinson, Chief Executive, SCAPE, Ian Taylor, Director, North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO), Ed Walsh, Deputy Director, Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO); Bola Abisogun, Chair, Procurement Group, Federation of Master Builders, Alasdair Reisner, Director of External Affairs, Civil Engineering Contractors Association, Alan Rogers, Business Development Director, KeepMoat gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 11 November at 4 p.m.]

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**Monday 11 November 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman          John Pugh
Simon Danczuk        John Stevenson
Mary Glindon          Heather Wheeler
James Morris          Chris Williamson

1. **Declaration of interests**

Chris Williamson declared his interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

2. **Petition**

The Committee considered the Petition to the House from residents of Leicester East about the development plans by Sainsbury's in Rushey Mead (P001260).

3. **Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman**

(Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Care for Community Living (CCL) Ltd
Monica Waud
Heston Residents' Association
Local Government Information Unit (LGiU).
4. **Correspondence with the Local Government Association**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Local Government Association relating to Libor rate fixing be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. **The performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the performance of the Department of Communities and Local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Letter from the Homes and Communities Agency dated 31 October 2013.

6. **Private rented sector**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to the private rented sector be reported to the house for publication on the internet.

7. **Local Government Procurement**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation.

Dr Elizabeth David Barrett, representing Transparency International UK (TI-UK), Ian O’Donnell, Executive Director of Corporate Resources, London Borough of Ealing, representing the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), and Paul Mallory, Vice-President, International Association of Contract and Commercial Management (IACCM), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 18 November at 1.45 p.m.]

**Monday 18 November 2013**

*The Chair, Simon Danczuk, Mrs Mary Glindon and Heather Wheeler visited Sheffield in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 21 October.*

**Monday 18 November 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk  
Mary Glindon  
Heather Wheeler
1. **Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Gary Powell (two submissions).

2. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Tiden Engineering Ltd
Robert Hansler
Hulsea Ltd
Stuart Law
David Jones.

3. **The performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter from the Department of Communities and Local Government dated 7 November 2013
Memorandum from the Department of Communities and Local Government dated 12 November 2013.

4. **Local Government Procurement**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Rosie Cooper MP
Cllr Jack Scott.

Gordon Millward, Chair, South and East Yorkshire Region, Federation of Small Businesses, Stephen Williams, President, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, Ian Drayton, Chair, Sheffield Third Sector Assembly Sheffield; Simon Hill, Managing Director, YPO, Paul Smith, Procurement and Supply Chain Director, YPO, Barry Mellor, Director of Commercial Services, Sheffield City Council, Councillor Ian Saunders, Sheffield City Council, and Councillor Jack Scott, Sheffield City Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 25 November at 4 p.m.]

**Tuesday 19 November 2013**

The Chair, Bob Blackman, Simon Danczuk, and James Morris visited City Hall, London in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 21 October.
Monday 25 November 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman        John Pugh
Simon Danczuk       John Stevenson
Mary Glindon        Heather Wheeler
James Morris         Chris Williamson
Mark Pawsey

1. Petitions

The Committee considered the following Petitions to the House:

- petitions expressing the view that the Local Government Finance Settlement was unfair to rural communities from:
  - residents of Braintree, Essex (P001233)
  - residents of Shrewsbury and Atcham (P001234)
  - residents of Maldon (P001235)
  - residents of North Devon (P001236)
  - residents of Yoxford (P 001237)
  - residents of Beverley and Holderness (P001238)
  - residents of Harborough (P001239)
  - residents of City of Durham (P001240)
  - members of Liss Parish Council, East Hampshire (P001242)
  - residents of South Northamptonshire (P001243)
  - residents of North East Somerset (P001244)
  - residents of South East Cambridgeshire (P001245)
  - residents of Sleaford and North Hykeham (P001246)
  - residents of Weston-Super-Mare (P001247)
  - residents of North Somerset (P001248)
  - residents of South East Cornwall (P001249)
  - residents of Bridgwater and West Somerset (P001250)
  - residents of Wareham, Purbeck District (P001251)
  - residents of Thirsk and Malton (P001252)
  - residents of North Dorset (P001253)
  - residents of New Forest East (P001254)
  - residents of Berwick-upon-Tweed (P001255)
  - residents of Loddiswell and Dartmouth (P001258)
  - residents of Tiverton and Honiton (P001259)
  - residents of Hatfield Peverel, Witham (P001261)
  - residents of the UK (P001262)
  - residents of Eddisbury (P001263)
  - residents of St Ives (P001264)
  - residents of North West Leicestershire (P001265)
  - residents of St Austell and Newquay (P001266)
  - residents of West Worcestershire (P001268)
  - residents of Truro and Falmouth (P001270)
  - residents of Bury St Edmunds (P001271)
  - residents of the UK (P001272)
Residents of Tamworth (P001273)
Residents of Mid Worcestershire (P001274)
Residents of North East Hampshire (P001276)
Residents of Wells (P001277)
Residents of Lichfield (P001278)
Residents of Howdeshire (P001279)
Residents of Saffron Walden (P001280)
Residents of Congleton (P001281)
Residents of Hereford and South Herefordshire (P001282)
Residents of the United Kingdom (P001286)
Residents of Macclesfield (P001293)
Residents of the United Kingdom (P001294);

from the residents of Stoke-on-Trent requesting land near Astro Grove in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent be kept and maintained for leisure purposes (P001285);

from the residents of residents of Foxearth and Liston, Belchamp Saint Pauls and Belchamp Otten, and Pentlow Parishes, Essex concerning Solar PV farms in Essex (P001290);

from the residents of residents of Bozeat, Northamptonshire and the surrounding area concerning proposed housing development on the land off Hillside Close, Bozeat (PO1289); and

from the residents of Puriton, Somerset relating to the redevelopment of the old Royal Ordnance Factory site (P001275).

2. Local Government Finance Settlement

Resolved, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Government on the Local Government Finance Settlement.

3. Homes and Communities Agency Regulation Committee’s Response to the Committee’s report on the work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency

Draft Report (Homes and Communities Agency Regulation Committee’s Response to the Committee’s report on the work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Homes and Communities Agency Regulation Committee’s response to the Second Report of the Committee in Session 2013-14 was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Special Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

4. Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions

Resolved, that the Committee inquire into fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions.

5. Chief Officers’ Remuneration

The Committee considered this matter.
6. The performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings

The Committee considered this matter.

8. The operation of the planning system

Resolved, That the Committee bid for funding for research into the nature of planning constraints.


The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Gary Powell.  

10. Local Government Procurement

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Civil Engineering Contractors’ Association.

Matthew Jackson, Associate Director, Centre for Local Economic Strategies, Richard Macfarlane, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Oliver Henman, Head of Partnerships and International, National Council for Voluntary Organisations; Martin McTague, Chairman, Local Government Policy Unit, Federation of Small Businesses, Alun Rafique, Director, Market Dojo, Dr Pedro Telles, University of Bangor, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 2 December at 4 p.m.

Monday 2 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
Mary Glindon  
David Heyes  
James Morris  
Mark Pawsey  
Heather Wheeler  
Chris Williamson

Published with a redaction
1. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Mr H Bloomfield
- Richard Brookes
- Roy Sherliker
- Richard Hall
- John O’Reilly
- Pro Electrical Services
- Peter Smith
- Stephen Evans
- Barry Anderson
- Nigel Harman
- David Hodson
- G.W.& E. Wright Ltd.

2. **Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to the further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Mr & Mrs G Thomas
- Dr Pauline Ashbridge
- Donald Neame.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take part of the evidence to be given by Dr Jane Martin, Chairman of the Commission for Local Administration in England (the Local Government Ombudsman), and Michael King Executive Director of the Commission at this day’s sitting in private.

Dr Jane Martin, Chairman of the Commission for Local Administration in England (the Local Government Ombudsman), and Michael King Executive Director of the Commission, gave oral evidence in private.

*Ordered*, That the public be now admitted.

Dr Jane Martin, Chairman of the Commission for Local Administration in England (the Local Government Ombudsman), and Michael King Executive Director of the Commission, gave oral evidence.

3. **Local Government Procurement**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Civil Engineering Contractors Association with Briefing from Civil Engineering Contractors Association
- Herefordshire and Worcestershire Action Group
- North East Procurement Organisation
Colin Cram, Committee Specialist Adviser.

Keith Davis, Director, Cross-Government, National Audit Office, Alan Bryce, Head of Counter-Fraud, Audit Commission, and Mark Wardman, Senior Manager, Research, Audit Commission, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 9 December at 4 p.m.]

Monday 9 December 2013

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman    John Pugh
Simon Danczuk    John Stevenson
David Heyes      Heather Wheeler
James Morris     Chris Williamson
Mark Pawsey

1. **Petitions**

The Committee considered the following Petitions to the House:

- the residents of the UK expressing the view that the Local Government Finance Settlement was unfair to rural communities (P001303);
- the residents of Oregon Close, Dudley, concerning a planning application submitted by WCL Quarries (P001304); and
- supporters of the Hawthorne Skate and BMX Park, Desborough, Northamptonshire, (P001193).

2. **Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman**

*Ordered*, That correspondence dated 29 November 2013 from Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP relating to the review of the Local Government Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet.


*Resolved*, That the Chair attend a meeting of the London Assembly on 15 January 2014 in a representative capacity.

4. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to buildings regulations certification of electrical installations and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Clive Mitchell
5. **Private rented sector housing**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government dated 5 December relating to private rented sector housing be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. **High Streets and Town Centres**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to high streets and town centres be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

7. **The performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence from the Department and relating to the work of the Department of Communities and Local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Letter dated 7 November 2013
- Letter dated 21 November 2013
- Letter dated 26 November 2013

Nick Boles MP, Kris Hopkins MP, Brandon Lewis MP, Baroness Stowell of Beeston, and Stephen Williams MP, Parliamentary Under Secretaries of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till on Monday 16 December at 4 p.m.]

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**Monday 16 December 2013**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Simon Danczuk
Mrs Mary Glindon
Mark Pawsey

Dr John Pugh
Chris Williamson
Heather Wheeler
1. **Petition**

The Committee considered the following petition to the House:

From the residents of Newark expressing their view that the Local Government Finance Settlement was unfair to rural communities (P001309).

2. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in buildings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Richard Townsend
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- Abertawe Engineering
- NAPIT Trade Association
- British Gas Services Ltd
- Charles Tanswell
- Roy Bailey
- Derek Evans
- Timothy Oldershaw
- The Joint Industry Board
- Kev Lee
- Electrical Safety Council
- Federation of Master Builders
- RoSPA
- En45011 Governing Body
- Certsure
- Shepherd Engineering
- United Kingdom Accreditation Board
- Leon Markwell
- Andrew Kidd
- Stephen Biddle
- Peter Morris
- Andrew Kidd
- Phil Watts
- London Fire Brigade
- Bill Manning
- Imtech G&H Ltd
- Gordon Sim
- Maria Clack
- Andrew Cooper.

3. **Local government procurement**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Sheffield City Council
- Jane Green.
4. Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions

*Resolved.* That Professor Alan Harding be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions. (For details of declaration of interests see Appendix.)

5. The operation of the planning system

The Committee considered this matter.

6. Performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government

The Committee considered this matter.

7. Local government procurement

Baroness Stowell of Beeston, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, and Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society, Cabinet Office, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till on Monday 6 January at 4 p.m.

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**Monday 6 January 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman      Mark Pawsey
Simon Danczuk     John Stevenson
Mrs Mary Glindon  Chris Williamson
James Morris      Heather Wheeler

1. Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman

Draft Report (*Further review of the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 866.*

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to the work and performance of the Local Government Ombudsman be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Monica Waud.

2. Spending Round 2013

*Ordered,* That ministerial correspondence from HM Treasury relating to the Spending Round be reported to the House for publication on the internet.
3. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in buildings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Roy Bailey

Joint Industry Board for the Electrical Contracting Industry.

Dr Robert Judson, electrical contractor, Peter Morris, electrical contractor, Mark Pollock, electrical contractor, Bailey Pollock Electrical Services, Damian Skelton, electrical contractor, Skelton Electrical Ltd, Phil Watts, lecturer, Ascot College of Electrical Studies; Steve Bratt, Group Chief Executive Officer, Electrical Contractors’ Association, Phil Buckle, Director General, Electrical Safety Council, Emma Clancy, Chief Executive Officer, Ascertiva Group Ltd, and David Cowburn, Managing Director, NAPIT Registration, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 13 January at 4 p.m.]

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**Monday 13 January 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Mark Pawsey
Simon Danczuk  
Dr John Pugh
Mrs Mary Glindon  
John Stevenson
David Heyes  
Chris Williamson
James Morris  
Heather Wheeler

1. **The Government’s Response to the Committee’s report on the work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency**

Draft Report (*The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency: the Government’s Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2013-14*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.


*Resolved*, That the Report be the Third Special Report of the Committee to the House.  
*Ordered*, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

2. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions**

*Resolved*, That Sean Nolan be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions. (For details of declaration of interests see Appendix.)

The Committee considered this matter.
Resolved, That the Committee undertake visits to Manchester and France in connection with its inquiry into fiscal devolution to cities and city regions and that the Chair seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the latter visit.

3. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in buildings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Jon Vanstone.

[Adjourned till Monday 20 January at 4 p.m.]

**Wednesday 15 January 2014**

The Chair attended a meeting of the London Assembly in a representative capacity in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 9 December.

**Monday 20 January 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
Mrs Mary Glindon  
James Morris  
Mark Pawsey  
John Stevenson  
Chris Williamson  
Heather Wheeler

1. **Performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to the performance of the Department be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Letter dated 9 January from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

2. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions**

The Committee considered this matter.

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

John Hirst  
RSA Cities Growth Commission  
Intu Properties Plc  
London First  
Local Government Association  
Greater Manchester Combined Authority
3. Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in buildings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Certsure
- Phil Watts
- Clive Hamilton
- Electrical Safety Council.

Stephen Williams MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Bob Ledsome, Deputy Director, Building Regulations and Standards, Department for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 22 January at 4 p.m.]
Wednesday 22 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman
Simon Danczuk
Mrs Mary Glindon
David Heyes
James Morris

Mark Pawsey
Dr John Pugh
John Stevenson
Chris Williamson
Heather Wheeler

1. **Performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government: 
   #AskPickles**

Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 27 January at 4 p.m.]

Monday 27 January 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman
Simon Danczuk
Mrs Mary Glindon
David Heyes
James Morris

Mark Pawsey
John Pugh
John Stevenson
Chris Williamson
Heather Wheeler

1. **Community budgets**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Local Government Ombudsman**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   Joint Industry Board.
4. **Local government procurement**
   
   *Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to local government procurement be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
   
   Department for Communities and Local Government.

5. **Local government finance**
   
   Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

6. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions**
   
   *Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
   
   Unlock Democracy – Merseyside and West Cheshire Group.

   Alexandra Jones, Chief Executive, Centre for Cities, Jim O’Neill, RSA City Growth Commission, and Professor Tony Travers gave oral evidence.

   [Adjourned till Monday 3 February at 4 p.m.]

### Monday 3 February 2014

**Members present:**

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman            Mark Pawsey
Simon Danczuk           John Pugh
Mrs Mary Glindon        Chris Williamson
David Heyes             Heather Wheeler
James Morris

1. **Petition**

   The Committee considered a petition to the House from the residents of Brigg and Goole expressing their view that the Local Government Finance Settlement was unfair to rural communities.

2. **Local government senior officers’ remuneration**

   The Committee considered this matter.

   *Resolved*, That Professor Ian Kessler be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into local government senior officers’ remuneration. Professor Kessler had no interests to declare.
3. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Damian Skelton (Skelton Electrical Ltd)
- John Peckham
- NAPIT Registration.

4. **Implementation of welfare reform by local authorities**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to implementation of welfare reform by local authorities be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Chartered Institute of Housing.

5. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions**

Tom Riordan, Core Cities, Councillor David Hodge, Chair, County Councils Network, Professor Andy Pike, Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Newcastle University; Councillor Peter Box, Chair, Key Cities, Ed Cox, Director, IPPR, and Liz Peace, Chief Executive, British Property Federation, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 10 February at 1.30 p.m.]

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**Monday 10 February 2014**

Members present:

- Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair
- Simon Danczuk
- David Heyes
- Mark Pawsey
- John Pugh
- Chris Williamson

1. **Performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Keith Brook.
3. **Local government senior officers’ remuneration**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to local government senior officers’ remuneration be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Local Government Yorkshire & Humber
- Association of County Chief Executives
- Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
- Unison
- Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers
- Local Government Association
- London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Thurrock Council
- Cllr Carl Les, North Yorkshire County Council
- Surrey County Council
- Association of Local Authority Chief Executives
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- North Yorkshire County Council
- Mike Cooke
- TaxPayers’ Alliance.

4. **Implementation of welfare reform by local authorities**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to implementation of welfare reform by local authorities be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Shelter
- Department for Communities and Local Government
- Residential Landlords Association
- Citizens Advice
- Local Government Association
- The Welfare Reform Club
- National Housing Federation.

5. **Local government procurement**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to implementation of welfare reform by local authorities be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

6. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

- Chief Economic Development Officers Society and Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

Councillor Philip Atkins, Leader, Staffordshire County Council, Councillor James Lewis, Leeds City Council, Councillor Paul Watson, Leader Sunderland City Council; Councillor Sue Derbyshire, Leader, Stockport Borough Council, Councillor Sir Richard Leese, Deputy Chair, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and Lord Smith of Leigh, Leader, Chair, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 February at 4 p.m.]
Monday 24 February 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  John Pugh
Simon Danczuk  John Stevenson
Mrs Mary Glindon  Heather Wheeler
Mark Pawsey  Chris Williamson

1. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city regions**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Local Government Procurement**

Draft Report (*Local government procurement*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 712.*

3. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

Draft Report (*Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings*), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 906.*

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the house for publication on the internet:

Department for Communities and Local Government.

4. **Work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency be reported to the house for publication on the internet.

5. **Help to Buy Scheme**

*Ordered*, That ministerial correspondence, dated 4 February 2014, from the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to the Help to Buy Scheme be reported to the house for publication on the internet.
6. **The performance of the Department for Communities and Local Government**

*Ordered*, That ministerial correspondence, dated 13 February 2014, from the Department for Communities and Local Government in regard to the performance of the Department be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 February at 4 p.m.]

**Wednesday 26 February 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
David Heyes  
Mark Pawsey  
John Pugh  
John Stevenson

1. **Business rates**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 3 March at 3.45 p.m.]

**Monday 3 March 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
Mary Glindon  
David Heyes  
Mark Pawsey  
John Pugh  
Heather Wheeler  
Chris Williamson

1. **Building Regulations applying to electrical and gas installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from the British Retail Consortium relating to Building Regulations applying to electrical and gas installation and repairs in dwellings (*report from session 2010-12 HC 1851*) be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

2. **Implementation of welfare reform**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Chief officers’ remuneration**

The Committee considered this matter.
4. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city regions**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

West End Partnership.


[Adjourned till Monday 10 March at 4 p.m.]

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**Monday 10 March 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
Mary Glindon  
David Heyes  
Mark Pawsey  
John Stevenson  
Heather Wheeler  
Chris Williamson

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1. **Petition**

The Committee considered the Petition to the House about the funding of the Cleveland Fire Authority (P001321).

2. **Town centres and high streets**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **The Local Government Ombudsman**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Fiscal devolution to cities and city regions**

Cllr Nick Forbes, Leader, Newcastle City Council, on behalf of Core Cities, Stephen Hughes, former chief executive, Birmingham City Council, and Cllr Roger Lawrence, Leader, Wolverhampton City Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 17 March at 4 p.m.]
Monday 17 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman
Simon Danczuk
Mary Glindon
David Heyes

Mark Pawsey
John Stevenson
Heather Wheeler
Chris Williamson

1. Petitions

The Committee considered the following Petitions to the House:

- residents of Devonport and Plymouth, and others concerned about the condition of the North Corner Quay and Landing Stage, Devonport (P001324); and
- residents of the parish of South Stoke and its neighbouring parishes and wards of Bath and North East Somerset, represented by South Stoke Parish Council and The South of Bath Alliance, concerning the intention of Bath and North East Somerset District Council’s Amended Core Strategy to develop the land known as the Odd Down/ South Stoke Plateau with the building of 300 new homes (P01330).

2. Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into the Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the offices of the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol in connection with its inquiry into the Operation of National Planning Policy Framework.

3. Select committee powers

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Local authority accountability

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Greater Manchester Combined Authority.
6. Local government Chief Officers’ remuneration

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to local government Chief Officers’ remuneration be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Aon Hewitt.

Duncan Brown, Principal, Performance, Reward and Talent, AON Hewitt, Jonathan Isaby, Chief Executive, TaxPayers’ Alliance; Charles Cotton, Performance and Pay Adviser, CIPD, Will Hutton, author of Fair Pay in the Public Sector, and Councillor Jim McMahon, Chair of the Local Government Association Workforce Board, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 24 March at 4 p.m.]

Monday 24 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman John Pugh
Simon Danczuk John Stevenson
Mrs Mary Glindon Heather Wheeler
Mark Pawsey

1. Committee attendance 2013-14

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Further review of the work of the Local Government Ombudsman

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework

Ordered, That Kelvin MacDonald, be appointed as Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into the Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework. (For details of declaration of interests see Appendix.)

4. Correspondence from Department for Communities and Local Government

Ordered, That correspondence with the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to Help to Buy and the Department’s Mid-Year Report 2013 and correspondence from the Department concerning the Social Housing Review, selective licensing of privately rented housing, and planning measures announced on 6 March be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Fiscal Devolution to Cities and City Regions

Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman, Local Government Association; Professor Tony Travers, Chair, London Finance Commission, and Rob Whiteman, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 31 March at 4 p.m.]
Monday 31 March 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman
Simon Danczuk
Mrs Mary Glindon
Mark Pawsey

John Pugh
Heather Wheeler
Chris Williamson

1. Fiscal Devolution to Cities and City Regions

Ordered, That the following written evidence relating to fiscal devolution to cities and city-regions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

   South East Strategic Leaders.

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Minister of State for Cabinet Office (Cities and Constitution), and Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 2 April at 3.30 p.m.]

Wednesday 2 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman
Simon Danczuk
Mark Pawsey

John Pugh
Heather Wheeler
Chris Williamson

1. Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework

Ordered, That the report of the research commissioned by the Committee relating to the Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework from the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

2. Further review of the work of the Local Government Ombudsman

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 28 April at 1.40 p.m.]
Sunday 6 April to Tuesday 8 April 2014

The Chair, Simon Danczuk, Mark Pawsey, John Pugh, John Stevenson, Heather Wheeler and Chris Williamson visited France in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 13 January.

Monday 28 April 2014

The Chair, David Heyes, Mark Pawsey and Chris Williamson visited Bristol in accordance with the Committee’s decision of 17 March.

Monday 28 April 2014

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

David Heyes

Mark Pawsey

Chris Williamson

1. **Petition**

The Committee considered the Petition to the House from residents of the UK expressing the view that the planned closure of Humberstone Heights Golf Course in Leicester will have a detrimental impact on the local community (P001342).

2. **Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings**

*Ordered*, That correspondence from UKAS relating to Building Regulations certification of electrical installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

3. **Private Rented Sector**

*Ordered*, That ministerial correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to the private rented sector be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. **Fiscal Devolution to Cities and City Regions**

*Ordered*, That the following written evidence relating to fiscal devolution to cities and city regions be reported to the House for publication on the internet:

Greater London Authority and London Councils.
5. **Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework**

*Ordered,* That ministerial correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to the operation of the National Planning Policy Framework be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 7 May at 4 p.m.]

**Wednesday 7 May 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
David Heyes  
Mark Pawsey  
John Pugh  
John Stevenson  
Heather Wheeler  
Chris Williamson

1. **Fiscal Devolution to Cities and City Regions**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Monday 12 May at 4 p.m.]

**Monday 12 May 2014**

Members present:

Mr Clive Betts, in the Chair

Bob Blackman  
Simon Danczuk  
Mrs Mary Glindon  
David Heyes  
Mark Pawsey  
Heather Wheeler  
Chris Williamson

1. **Petition**

The Committee considered the petition to the House from the residents of Kingswood concerning charges for green waste bins (P001344).

2. **Operation of the National Planning Policy Framework**

*Ordered,* that the following written evidence relating to the operation of the National Planning Policy Framework be reported to the House for publication on the internet:
BANDAG
Richard Scott-Watson
Patrick T Moseley
Elizabeth A Boon
Oxfordshire Branch, Campaign to Protect Rural England
Bryn V Howells
Peter Burton
Colin Reginald Williams
Mrs A Johnson
Daniel Scharf
Central Bedfordshire Council
Dr R E Colyer
Robin Fuller
Michel Rose
Bourton Parish Council
Misterton Parish Council
Hilary Robarts Arnold
Protect Congleton – Civic Society
East Leake Parish Council
Jeffrey Elder
Derek White
Preserve Bow Brickhill
Ann Smith
M C Gillie
Kirklevington & Castle Leavington Parish Council
Sandbach Town Council
Doug Webb
Susan Fitzmaurice
Phillip R Knight
Watchfield Parish Council
James Walton
Gnosall Parish Council
D J Renney
Littleworth Parish Meeting
Whitchurch Village Action Group
Cheryl Stickler
Newbury Town Council
Marilyn Brown
Helen Tickle
Russell Prince-Wright
Wingham Parish Council
Shrivenham Parish Council
Mrs D Nason
Barugh Residents Against New Development
Professor Alan Hallsworth
David Walsh
Otter Valley Association
Totnes and District Society
John Labrum
Save Whalley Village Action Group
Congleton Town Council
John Hubble
Airport Operators Association
Stop Tetbury’s Excessive Planning Schemes
Shortwood Green Belt Campaign
Community Voice On Planning
Dr Peter Cuthbert
Professor Michael T Hutchings
Wantage and Grove Campaign Group
Mr S Morea
Lesley Clements
Mrs Jane Blackburn
Save Our Greenbelt Dinnington & Anston Action Group
Patrick Cullen
Robin Draper
Neil Blackshaw
Clerk of Hinton Waldrist Parish Council
David Daniel
Save The Countryside
Kilmersdon Parish Council
Central Bedfordshire Council
Petrina Giles
Vale of the White Horse District Council
High Weald AONB Unit
CPRE Cornwall
Martin Round
East Devon Alliance
Places For People
Guildford Greenbelt Group
CPRE Gloucestershire
Martin Fox
Frank Egerton Gilman
David Birtwhistle
Ashbury Parish Council
The Theatres Trust
Weareresidents.org
Historic Houses Association
Robert Porter
Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies
British Independent Retailers Association
Robert Boulter
Save Brockworth Green Belt
National Association for AONBs
Terence Knight
Cheltenham Alliance
Planning Officers Society
Get Involved Exminster
Twyning Parish Council
Cambridge Past, Present & Future
J D I Baker
Defend North Devon
Dogmersfield Parish Council
R D Nixon
C Jealous
Ian Preddy
Secured By Design
Kevin Froggatt
Mrs Sally Rowley-Williams
CPRE
Joanna Greenway
Valerie H Kennedy
District Councils Network
Thames Valley Housing
Roland McKinney
West Heath Action Group
Residents of Wilmslow
Francis G Sketch
Richard Broadbent
Residential Landlords Association
Blythburgh with Bulcamp & Hinton Parish Council
British Property Federation
Chelmsford City Council
Wychavon District Council and Malvern Hills District Council
Sandbach Heath Neighbourhood Forum
Future Horsham
Mr Robert Spall
Leeds City Council, City Development
Cotswolds Conservation Board
Wildlife and Countryside Link
Helen Kummer
John Stubbington
Environmental Services Association
Essex County Council
National Housing Federation
Institute for Archaeologists
CPRE Lancashire
Paul Edwards
Northumberland & Newcastle Society
Town and Country Planning Association
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
CBI
Gloucester Association of Parish and Town Councils
The Archaeology Forum
Croudace Homes Group
Barrie Jolliffe
John Lewis Partnership
Worcester City Council
Local Government Association
National Association of Local Councils
Association of Convenience Stores
National Trust
RES
United Kingdom Without Incineration Network
Milton Keynes Council
Martine Froggatt
Councillor Sam Corcoran
Turley Associates
The Heritage Alliance
Leonard Stanley Parish Council
South Oxfordshire District Council
The Home Builders Federation
Raglan Housing Association
The Peel Group
Birmingham City Council
Renewable Energy Association
Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport
Elaine Tickell
Somerford Parish Residents Action Group
Various Organisations
Civic Voice
English Heritage
Kingswood Parish Council
Alderton Parish Council
Remarkable Group/Linden Homes
DLP Planning Consultants
Eden District Council
Energy UK
East Hampshire District Council
RenewableUK
Jacqueline Annette Thompson
Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland
Design Council
Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation
The Mineral Products Association
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Ruth Langhorn
National Retail Planning Forum
Royal Town Planning Institute
Association of Town & City Management
Affinity Sutton Group
Four Marks Parish Council
Suffolk Association of Local Councils
Ann Reed
Woodland Trust
Gladman Developments
GT Energy
Brighton & Hove City Council
London Borough of Islington
British Council of Shopping Centres
Royal Institute of British Architects
Dr Rebecca Driver  
A Bailey  
Welwyn Garden City Society  
Department for Communities and Local Government  
Roger John Arthur  
Country Land & Business Association  

3. Building regulations applying to electrical and gas installation and repairs in dwellings

Ordered, that correspondence from the British Retail Consortium relating to Building regulations applying to electrical and gas installation and repairs in dwellings be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

4. The work of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency

Ordered, that correspondence from the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

5. Department for Communities and Local Government Supplementary Estimates 2013-14

Ordered, That Estimates Memoranda supplied by the Department for Communities and Local Government and relating to Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 2013-14 for the Department for Communities and Local Government be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

6. Community Budgets

Ordered, that correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government relating to the Troubled Families programme and other matters be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 4 June at 4 p.m.]
Appendix: declarations of interests

See also appendices to the formal minutes for 2010-12 and 2012-13 for Members’ declarations of interests.

30 May 2013: Declaration of Specialist Adviser’s interests

Kelvin MacDonald MCIH, FRTP, FRSA

Member of the Department for Communities and Local Government Planning Sounding Board [withdraws from any meetings or parts of meetings which address subjects which are also the subject of a Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry on which he advises], Non-salaried Examining Inspector, Major Applications and Plans Division, Planning Inspectorate [cannot express opinions on the merits of any nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) that may come before the Planning Inspectorate currently or in the future or on the merits of any Government policy relating to NSIPs], Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Land Economy, Cambridge University, Built Environment Expert (BEE) for the Design Council – CABE; and Member of the Board of Trustees of Shelter. [Further declaration made on 24 March 2014—see below.]

17 June and 15 July 2013: Declarations of Specialist Adviser’s interests

Colin Cram FCIPS

Managing Director of Marc1 Ltd, a consultancy providing remunerated and unremunerated advice and training on procurement to organisations and individuals in the public and private sectors. Contributor to journals, including the Guardian Public Leaders Network and Supply Management.

4 November 2013: Declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

David McCullogh FRICS PPIBC

Employment as Group Director, TPS, a multi-disciplinary design consultancy (architects, engineers, project managers and surveyors – including an arm’s length Approved Inspector Building Control Body, Carillion Specialist Services); TPS is part of the Carillion group. Building Regulations advisor to Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS); RICS Governing Council member and member of RICS Knowledge Board. Director of the Building Control Alliance, a pan sector Building Control organisation aiming to give a unified voice on non-sector related building control issues; representation on behalf of RICS, other members are LABC (Local Authority Building Control), ACAI (Association of Consultant Approved Inspectors), ABE (Association of Building Engineers) and CIOB (Chartered Institute of Building). Chairman of Industry Group commenting on closing the compliance gap in the area of Building Regulations (Energy Conservation Regulations). Trustee of KnowHow North East, Stockton on Tees, a youth work charity. Trustee of Norton (Teesside) Sports Complex, a sports based charity.
11 November 2013: declaration of Member’s interests

Chris Williamson MP

8. Land and Property

Two houses; one in Derby area and one in Castle Donington.

16 December 2013: Declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Professor Alan Harding

Centrally involved in raising funding for pure and applied social scientific research and consultancy studies and supporting human and physical capacity. Led three major projects for UK Economic and Social Research Council. Other clients include European Commission, UK Government Departments, charitable trusts, regional agencies, local authorities, other local government organisations, private sector bodies, individual businesses.

13 January 2014: Declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Sean Nolan

Director of consultancy company SJ Nolan Ltd, permanent employee of the Kent Police Commissioners Office. Spouse is a school bursar. On Finance Committee of Crowborough Beacon Golf Club.

24 March 2014: Further declaration of Specialist Advisers’ interests

Kelvin MacDonald MCIH, FRTPi, FRSA

Member of the Enabling Panel for the Design Council—CABE. Member of the Board of Trustees of Shelter. Chief Policy Adviser to the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI); Mr MacDonald was the Chief Policy Adviser to the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) from 2007 until 2011 but has not undertaken any policy work for the RTPI since that date. Examining Inspector, Major Applications and Plans Division, the Planning Inspectorate. By virtue of this appointment, Mr MacDonald cannot advise the Committee on, nor express opinions on: a) the merits of Government policy on nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs); b) the merits of policy contained within any National Policy Statement (NPS); c) the merits or efficacy of the system set up to deal with nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) under the 2008 Planning Act, as subsequently amended; or d) the merits of any nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) that may come before Planning Inspectorate currently or in the future. Member of the Department for Communities Planning Sounding Board. Mr MacDonald undertakes to withdraw from any discussions on, and not to contribute in any other way to, Planning Sounding Board agenda items on any issue that is covered, or may potentially be covered, by the Inquiry into the operation of the NPPF. Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Land Economy, Cambridge University. Previously an adviser in the initial stages of the ‘The nature of planning constraints’ projects commissioned by the Communities and Local Government Committee from the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research. Mr MacDonald’s involvement has been limited to commenting on the draft proposal.
and attending a meeting on the interview sample to be chosen. Mr MacDonald will not be involved in this project beyond those two stages. [Previous declaration made on 30 May 2013—see above.]