



# All Party Parliamentary Local Democracy Group

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## Meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Local Democracy

Tuesday 12 April 2016

15.00 -16.00, Attlee Suite, Portcullis House

### AGENDA

1. Introduction from Andrea Jenkyns MP, chairman of the Local Democracy APPG.
2. **Colin Copus**, professor of Local Politics at De Montfort University and chair of the Councillors Commission, to introduce the new Councillors Commission and provide an update on the inquiry and launch of the parishes stream;
3. **Mel Usher**, councillor of Frome Town Council, to speak about the changing role of councillors, and the actions that need to be taken to encourage more people to volunteer as councillors;
4. **Joy Darby**, chief executive officer of the Essex Association of Local Councils, to speak about the training and support available to councillors in Essex;
5. **Clare Nelmes**, Mayor of Dursley Town Council, to present the findings of her dissertation on the under-representation of women in town and parish councils;
6. Discussion;
7. Next meeting of the Group.