

## **DLUHC latest news and appointments Nov2022**

**As ever, LDN has been closely tracking goings-on at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).** On the 'people' front, the full responsibilities of junior Ministers at the department have finally been confirmed, with

[Helen Frazer MP](#) formally taking on housing and planning and her (very brief) predecessor

[Lee Rowley MP](#) confirmed as minister for local government, as well as building safety.

[Felicity Buchan MP](#) has been handed the brief for homelessness, with her portfolio also spanning other supported housing, refugees and the private rented sector.

[Dehenna Davison MP](#) retains the levelling up brief.

[Baroness Bybrook](#) retains her faith and communities brief and gains also responsibility as **'lead for social housing'**.

Meanwhile, on policy, reporting by the [Financial Times](#) reinforces rumours that Liz Truss' much-vaunted 'Investment Zones' will be killed off by the Treasury, with Michael Gove's agreement.

Gove has meanwhile been [re-appointed](#) to the Cabinet's Union committee, which convenes key ministers to oversee Government strategy on the devolved nations.

He has also continued to [talk tough](#) about building safety, most recently during a Commons session on the Social Housing Regulation Bill – though he does appear to have [achieved](#) more than talk during discussions with Persimmon.

Also, he has [expanded](#) the Government's intervention at Liverpool City Council 'to get the city's finances back on a stable footing'.

Looking ahead, we'll be watching Gove's [grilling](#) by the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (LUHC) Committee, on **Monday 21 November**.