

## **Chairmans Report RALC Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **Meetings attended since the Oct RALC meeting.**

24-Oct RALC LGR Meeting  
28-Oct Work with LDALC re finances  
04-Nov ESALC Conference Brighton  
02-Nov Update call with Martin ref LGR/Exec  
14-Nov Quarterly Meeting with CEO RDC  
02-Dec RDC Stds Committee meeting  
04-Dec RALC Exec meeting  
08-Dec ESALC Board Meeting  
10-Dec RALC LGR Meeting  
22-Dec Meet David Todd ref RALC finance audit  
05-Jan Meeting CEO's of ESCC, District Councils and Chairs of District Associations  
06-Jan Update Call CEO RDC  
08-Jan Meeting Sussex Rural Affordable Housing Partnership (SRAHP)

### **Key messages.**

This quarter seems to have flown past in a moment, perhaps with Christmas making it a shorter working period.

The main theme for me in this quarter has been reorganisation, and anticipating the change needed at RALC to make us ready for the future, including change driven by Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

My overarching aim when elected as Chair of RALC in October was to Collaborate to improve communications and to work toward common goals with others. There has been good progress with the RALC exec agreeing to some changes to enable better communications and engagement with members.

The changes flowing from Devolution and LGR are still very unclear but the work being led by Martin Griffiths on our own LGR group will shape our proposals for our engagement in that. I have reached out to Wealden and Lewes district associations to join us in this work. Responses so far are positive, as have been conversations with ESCC.

I was elected Chair of ESALC on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. That will help with the clarity of communications between RALC and ESALC as well as building relationships with other Sussex Associations and WSALC. This also brings a link to NALC which I have yet to explore.

I was proposed (to be accepted next meeting) as Vice Chair of the Sussex Rural Affordable Housing Partnership on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. This may prove to be a useful partner for RALC members wanting to explore an affordable housing agenda and to receive feedback from stakeholders.

The next quarter will continue to focus on reorganisation as well as priorities for review identified by members.

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Chair RALC