**LGA Innovation Zone and Wider Conference Update**

**Purpose of report**

For information and decision

**Summary**

This report provides members with an update on the Innovation Zone with a high-level update on how Improvement is featuring in this year’s LGA Annual Conference from 28-30 June 2022

**Is this report confidential? Yes  No**

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| **Recommendations**     * Improvement and Innovation Board to note the progress on the Innovation Zone. * Members encouraged to attend and promote the Innovation Zone at this year’s annual conference. * Improvement and Innovation Board to note how Improvement will feature in this year’s LGA Annual Conference 2022 in Harrogate from 28-30 June 2022.     **Action**     * Officers to progress any comments from the Board that can either be actioned for this year’s Conference, including the Innovation Zone, or to be incorporated into the planning of next year’s Conference. |

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1. **Background**
   1. The LGA’s Conference is set to take place on June 28th – June 30th 2022 in Harrogate Convention Centre.
   2. The Innovation Zone (IZ) is a significant part of the LGA’s Annual conference. The IZ offers a vibrant and creative space taking place within the wider conference – involving a series of open, walk-in, sessions highlighting exciting and innovative ideas of significance to the local government sector.
   3. Session featured are being delivered by councils as well as public sector and private sector organisations, provided that their content links to local government.
   4. For the wider conference, traditionally topics for inclusion in plenaries and workshops have been sourced from the across the organisation, and finalised by the LGA Board where either policy or improvement colleagues lead on the session. As this is the first LGA in person Annual Conference for three years, it was decided to take a slightly difference approach in planning sessions this year. Instead of policy or improvement led topics being put forward, suggestions for key topic or issues were sourced from across the organisation with a view for sessions to be jointly delivered by policy and improvement colleagues wherever possible.
   5. This report provides a detailed update on IZ preparations and an overview on how improvement is featuring in the Conference across the workshop and plenary sessions.
2. **The Innovation Zone Format and IZ Sessions**
   1. The IZ design is still being finalised but will feature 3 stands from which presentations can take place, as well as a coffee area and seating area. Stands will include headphones to minimise noise disruptions when multiple presentations occurring at the same time. The IZ will be located next to the campaigns area which provides further seating. Together the 2 areas form the LGA Hub.
   2. the IZ has confirmed Newton Europe as its official sponsor who will be supply a number of sessions on the programme as well as a professionally prepared coffee.
   3. This year’s IZ theme is ‘Resilience and Renewal’ which can capture a broad range of ideas across the main ambitions and challenges impacting the sector, linking to topics including:

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| * Adults and Children’s Services * Boosting living standards * Climate/environment * Cyber/digital * Economic recovery and renewal | * Equalities, diversity and inclusion * Place Leadership * Public health * Workforce |

* 1. A draft programme for the IZ has now been produced and will be shared publicly in the next few weeks. The programme will include over 30 IZ sessions representing councils across all regions and political alignments. A selection of confirmed IZ sessions can be seen in **Annex A**.
  2. IZ sessions will run for 30-40 mins and will focus on sharing learning from a specific innovative project or solution and will form the main part of the IZ programme. The sessions will see presentations on up to 3 projects running concurrently, with delegates able to ‘drop in’ to any session that interests them.

1. **Spotlight On…. Sessions** 
   1. The IZ will also feature “Spotlight on….” Sessions which are a new addition to the IZ programme. Unlike IZ sessions, these will stand alone when presented. These will run approx. 30 mins, follow a TEDx format and are focused on big ideas and challenging and inspiring councils to think differently.
   2. In total we have 7 Spotlight on… talks arranged across the 3 days. Some of these sessions include:

* A session delivered by Karl Lokko, a former gang leader turned activist, poet, influencer, public speaker and adventurer as organised by Innovation Zone Sponsor, Newton Europe.
* A session from ActEarly City Collaboratories in Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Tower Hamlets Borough Council to deliver a session on their preventative approach to community health issues, through uniting research expertise with local government, local partners and communities.
* A session from Exeter Council delivered, by their CEO Karime Hassan, on utilising partnership working as a vehicle for delivering place leadership outcomes.
* Spotlight on Climate Change Panel’ - to focus on the environmental challenge facing councils and to share innovative examples of the actions that have been put into place.
  1. Preparations for the IZ will continue at pace, with one more meeting of the IZ Members Working Group planned to give final comment on the plans for the overall approach.

1. **Wider Conference - Workshop and parallel plenary sessions**
   1. There are a total of 22 workshops sessions planned across the first two days of Conference and 6 parallel plenary sessions planned across the last two days. Workshops and parallel plenaries are between 45-50 minutes long and cover a range of topics and issues which are live to the sector and local government.
   2. The Conference content has been planned to include a wide range of councils from across the country with a geographical, EDI and political party spread. (see **annex B** for full detail)
   3. Following agreement of the shortlisted sessions at SMT, a Conference Working Group was set up including colleagues from the communications team, policy and improvement to ensure all areas of the LGA are represented at Conference. Policy and improvement colleagues have worked together to develop featured sessions, either providing content or suggesting speakers. A table of the key topics with an improvement focus where content has been confirmed are listed in Annex B.
2. **Financial implications**
   1. All planned conference sessions will be met from existing budgets.
3. **Implications for Wales**
   1. The Innovation Zone has a session from Pembrokeshire Council as part of its commitment to showcasing new ideas and approaches from across a diverse range of organisations from a variety of backgrounds. The conference programme has been designed to be relevant across the whole of local government.
4. **Equalities Implications** 
   1. The LGA is committed to increasing diversity at all levels of local government and ensure there are opportunities to include those from underrepresented groups, within the conference programme.
5. **Next Steps**
   1. This report has provided an overview of the Innovation Zone and a high-level update on the wider conference. At this stage much of the content has been firmed up and published, with details being worked up into the app. Officers are to feed any recommendations into the current conference planning process where possible. Other comments will be captured and fed into the cycle of planning for next year.

**Annex A**

A selection of the IZ sessions on the programme are listed below:

* Liverpool City Council are the first council to commit to the protection of every park as part of their covid recovery plans and as a demonstration of their focus on local climate action. They are working in partnership with Fields in Trust to protect their entire parks portfolio in perpetuity.
* Starship Technologies are world leaders in autonomous last mile delivery. They work with local government and businesses to deliver groceries, food and drink via a network of autonomous robots in order to ensure greater efficiencies and sustainability for their communities. The firm will present with a council to showcase their technology and the benefits of their approach.
* Bradford Metropolitan District Council are collaborating with Citizen Coin to become the UK’s first social coin city. Citizen Coin provides community members with greater access to social, civic, training and environmental activities through a virtual currency, offered in exchange for services.
* Nottinghamshire County Council have undertaken pioneering work to pair Sherwood Forest with digital innovations. The council has been leading to introduce the world’s first 5G Connected Forest to deliver augmented reality technology in rural areas in order to boost tourism and raise awareness on environment protection work. Speakers will be joined by a robot dog used to collect data across inaccessible areas.
* Cheshire East Council have implemented a behavioural insights and co-production-based approach to explore how they can tackle the increasing rates of male suicide. Taking this approach, they were able to identify barriers to engagement not yet prevalently discussed in the mental health sphere, alongside opportunities to improve the support for men’s wellbeing.

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| **Day/**  **Time** | **Topic** | **Improvement involvement**  **Annex B** | **Published Conference Description** | **Confirmed Speakers** |
| Tues 3.20-4.10 | The impact of 'cost of living' pressures and how councils can respond | Improvement to help source councils from the regions who can participate in the panel discussion Improvement will also provide briefing notes for speakers | Join speakers from the Poverty Truth Network to learn about local responses to rising living costs, fuel costs and inflation and hear how setting up a poverty truth commission, working with partners from different sectors can help councils to develop a locally tailored response to these challenges. | **Andrew Grinnell,** Co-Director, Poverty Truth Network  Session will also include people with ‘lived experience’ identified by PTN |
| Tues 3.20-4.10 | Delivering a low carbon economy - the role of retrofit skills and jobs policy and productivity | Productivity sourced speakers and will write the speaker briefing around LGA retrofit skills in action. | This session will focus on showing retrofit skills in action in order to deliver a low carbon economy. Starting with the planning and analysis undertaken by a council and combined authority, speakers will share what they have learnt and provide advice and guidance. It will also look at current skills and employment pipelines, including what support is in place to local government and the private sector. We will also hear from an employee who has been supported to gain the skills and knowledge needed to work in local government. | **David Pierpoint,** Chief Executive, Retrofit Academy  **Jane Vivian,** People and Skills Programme Manager, West of England Combined Authority  **Cllr Laura Miller**, LGA Improvement and Innovation Board . |
| Tues 3.20-4.10 | Two sides of the low traffic neighbourhood coin! | Improvement will provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | Join this session to learn about the pros and cons from areas that have introduced low traffic neighbourhoods and how you can make them work in your area. Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) are known for their improvements to local air quality and reductions in carbon emissions as well as in reducing car use, increasing physical activity by walking, and cycling and improving road safety. However, there is opposition to LTNs with concerns that they can increase congestion and pollution on arterial roads, concerns that emergency services are slowed down and that they disadvantage people who are disabled. LTNs are controversial and politically, they are challenging. This session will explore lessons and strategies in making LTNs work, managing conflicting views and making tough decisions. | **Matt Winfield,** England Director, Sustrans **Cllr Liz Leffman,** Leader, Oxfordshire County Council  **Cllr Waseem Zaffar OBE,** Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Birmingham City Council *Chairperson/facilitator tbc* |
| Tues 3.20-4.10 | Supporting Ukrainian families - councils’ role in supporting arrivals from Ukraine | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | Councils support and deliver many programmes for refugees and asylum seekers that allow new arrivals to build new lives in the UK. This session will explore councils’ key role in supporting both Ukrainian families and the local areas that support them. Councils want to work with central government to find sustainable solutions that minimise the pressures and risks on councils, their local partners and communities, and on vulnerable individuals themselves across all the schemes This session will include an update from government, with plenty of chances to ask questions and share practice. | **Lord Richard Harrington**, Minister for Refugees, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Home Office  **Chair: Cllr Izzi Seccombe or Cllr James Jamieson,**  Other speakers to be announced. |
|  | From hospital to care - achieving the best possible outcomes for people. | Care and Health Improvement team leading on this session – sourced speakers and will provide speaker briefings | In this session you will hear how Wakefield and Kirklees Councils work together with their care sector partners to achieve the best possible outcomes for people being discharged from hospital. Good collaboration, friendly challenges and regular communication has led to a way of working together which has improved the quality and speed of safe and timely discharges, improved understanding of different pressures and needs in the system and how to resolve the very difficult challenges the system has faced recently. | **Nikki Prankett,** Registered Manager, Meadow Lodge Home Care  **Sara Fieldhouse,** Director, Fieldhouse Care Ltd **Nichola Esmond,** Service Director, Adult Social Care, Older People and Commissioning, Wakefield Counci**l  Amanda Evans,** ServiceDirector, Kirklees Council **James Creegan,** Chair, Kirklees Care Association **Karen Pogson,** Chair, Kirklees Registered Managers Network **Facilitator: Sarah Mitchell, Care and Health** Improvement Adviser, Local Government Association |
| Tues 3.20-4.10 | “These are our children” – a whole council approach to corporate parenting | Children’s Improvement team has worked closely with politcy colleagues on developing this session. They have built on the learning from some of the member development sessions delivered in the last 12 months which has helped inform content and speakers. Improvement will provide content for briefings | Every officer and councillor is a corporate parent to children in care and care leavers – but how can everyone play their part in helping those children and young people to thrive? This session, led by **The Care Leaders**, draws on the expertise of those with care-experience and work with councils across the country to help you find ways to embed corporate parenting across your council and give your children in care and care leavers the opportunities and experiences they deserve. | **Luke Rodgers** BEM, Director – Strategy, The Care Leaders  **Further speakers and a Facilitator TBC**  Inviting care leavers to talk directly about their experiences - what good and bad corporate parenting looks like. The team have experience of doing this before. This is a very practical workshop about what councillors and councils should be doing. |
| Tues 4.45-5.35 | Amplifying the local government voice within integrated care systems | Care and Health Improvement team leading on this session – sourced speakers and will provide speaker briefings | Senior leaders from the NHS and local government will discuss the opportunities and risks for local government leaders in the development of integrated care systems (ICSs). They will give their insights on the extent to which local authority and NHS leaders are working effectively to ensure that the ICS is a partnership of equals, with a shared vision and accountability for improving population health outcomes and reducing health inequalities. | **Cllr David Fothergill,** Chairman, LGA Community Wellbeing Board  **Mark Cubbin,** Chief Delivery Officer, NHS England  **Lord Victor Adebowale CBE,** Chair, NHS Confederation  **Facilitator: David Brindle,** Health and Social Care Commentator |
| Tues 4.45-5.35 | Tackling modern slavery | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | To coincide with the launch of updated LGA guidance on tackling modern slavery, this session will explore the crucial role councils play in identifying slavery and supporting victims. It will also be an opportunity to hear about current good practice across local government. | Chair and speakers tbc |
| Tues 4.45-5.35 | Sustainable homes, sustainable places: the role of planning | PAS worked with policy from the outset helping to structure the session and make speaker recommendation including Cornwall Council who were one of the first councils to commission an SPD on the environment and climate change. | Both housebuilding and protecting the environment are areas of significant ambition and focus nationwide. The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government’s policy for Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) and to supplement this policy, the Biodiversity Net Gain consultation seeks to introduce proposals to ensure added environmental value is at the heart of housing developments. Planning garners a lot of media attention and LPAs hope that the eagerly awaited planning reforms will enable them to meet annual targets for housing completions at pace. This session will consider the challenges and solutions to delivering the homes the country needs while protecting and improving the environment. | **Cllr Olly Monk**, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, Cornwall Council **Dr Wei Yang,** Immediate Past President, Royal Town Planning Institute  **Cllr Emily Smith**, Leader, Vale of White Horse  Representatives from Natural England and DLUHC have been invited. Facilitator: Martin Hilditch, |
| Tues 4.45-5.35 | What’s the future of high streets? | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | With the fortune of high streets already under pressure from changing shopping habits, the pandemic and associated restrictions on society have caused further turmoil to town centre businesses. Further disruption is also expected from the increases in cost of living, So how are town centres responding? What role should councils play in making town centres more resilient and relevant to modern society? Is partnership working with the private sector and communities the key to success? Each town centre is different, but can we learn from other places? This session will pull together experts and councils who will discuss these challenging questions. | **Cathy Parker,** Retail and Marketing Enterprise at Manchester Metropolitan University and Research Lead, Government's High Streets Task Force  **Mike Greene,** Chief Executive Scarborough Borough Council |
| *Wed 11.30-12.15* | Levelling up – the role for digital | Improvement have worked closely with policy on the development of this session Including sourcing Helen Milner from the Good Things Foundation, Selaine Saxby MP  Currently finalising the problem statement for the speakers to answer and provoke discussion. | The COVID-19 pandemic has brought our reliance on digital infrastructure into sharp focus with increasing numbers of services becoming digital by default. However, research shows digital exclusion is more likely to be faced by those on low incomes, people over 65 and people with disabilities. This session explores the role local government and its partners can play in improving local infrastructure, removing barriers to getting online and helping people improve their digital skills to address social and economic inequalities and level up every community. | **Helen Milner OE,** Chief Exec, Good Things Foundation  **Selaine Saxby** MP confirmed for 30 virtually.  **Chair - Cllr Mark Hawthorne** MBE Digital Champion, LGA and Leader, Gloucestershire County Council |
| *Wed 11.30-12.15* | Rebuilding Pride in council housing communities with high quality homes and high quality places | Improvement have worked closely with policy colleagues suggesting speakers and will provide briefing content for speakers including what potential funding opportunities are live especially in areas with low land values/needing levelling up | The Social Housing White Paper proposed measures to support the delivery of good quality, decent homes, and neighbourhoods, including access to green space, as well as tenants to have their by heard by their landlord. It also recognised the link between good quality homes and places and health and wellbeing. This session will consider the value of and challenges in delivering good quality social housing for tenants with a focus on the need for more council homes to be built and to better standards. | **Cllr Siriol Hugh-Jones,** Brighton & Hove City Council  **Chair Cllr Hannah Dalton (independent – on LGA Board** |
| *Wed 11.30-12.15* | Going wild - A helping hand for nature | Productivity will signpost to the biodiversity eLearning produced last year. | Delegates will engage with the energy for protecting and growing nature and biodiversity. It will demonstrate the power of England's diverse and remarkable natural assets, inspire through looking at successful efforts to restore nature and its impact, and reflect on councils’ role in a fast-moving policy environment. | **Gitty Korsuize,** City Advisor on Green and Nature, City of Utrecht **(virtual)** **Rachael Bice,** Chief Executive Officer, Yorkshire Wildlife TrustC**hair: Liz Newton, Director, National Operations, Natural England** |
| *Wed 11.30-12.15* | Changing behaviour to improve our health and wellbeing | Care and Health Improvement team leading on this session – sourced speakers and will provide speaker briefings | What can behavioural and social sciences contribute to public health? This session explores how behavioural and social sciences are the future of public health practice. Behavioural insights have been used across public services (particularly during COVID-19) to generate low-cost interventions, improve service outcomes, and encourage people to make better choices for themselves and society. In this session, experts from local authorities and academia discuss how to harness the potential of behavioural science to promote health, prevent disease, and reduce health inequalities in our communities. | **Professor Jim McManus,** Director of Public Health, Hertfordshire County Council **Professor Susan Michie,** Professor of Health Psychology, University College London **Julie Webster**, Director of Public Health, Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council **Chair: Cllr Louise Gittins, LGA Community Wellbeing Board and Leader, Cheshire West and Chester Council** |
| *Wed 11.30-12.15* | Tackling the Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) epidemic | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | Councils are committed to tackling Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) in our local communities, and work alongside the police, Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), health and education partners, and the voluntary and community sector to make sure we do all we can to protect women and girls from all forms of abuse. A whole society response is needed to give women and girls confidence that there is not just the will but also the power to improve things through cultural change. This session will explore best practice of what’s working well and the challenges for local government and partners in tackling this important issue. | **Nicole Jacobs,** Domestic Abuse Commissioner **Deputy Chief Constable Maggie Blyth,** NPCC Lead for Violence against Women and Girls  **Speaker and Chair: Cllr Lois Samuel,** West Devon Borough Council and Domestic Abuse Champion, LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Board |
| *Wed 11.30-12.15* | Levelling up councils | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | Description to be confirmed. Essex, Birmingham and Cornwall to be featured | Essex, Birmingham and Cornwall to be feature  **Aruj Haider**, Westminster  **Kevin Bentley** to chair. |
| *Wed.12.25-1.10* | Supporting mentally healthier council areas | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | The COVID-19 pandemic is being accompanied by a huge rise in demand for NHS mental health services. Of course, those clinical services are important, but they only account for about 20% of health outcomes. About 80% of the factors contributing to health outcomes are social, environmental and behavioural determinants that can be influenced by local government. This expert-led workshop will explore how councils can maximise their influence to support mentally and physically healthier residents who can better fulfil their potential and thrive. | **Facilitator: Ed Davie,** MPH, Previously London Borough of Lambeth Cabinet Member for children and young people, LGA Children and Young People Panel and Expert Peer, Policy and Public Affairs Lead, Centre for Mental Health**- Showing video** |
| *Wed 12.25-1.10* | Improving outcomes for children with special needs | Children’s Improvement have worked closely with Policy taking the learning from the member development sessions delivered in the last 12 months. | The Government’s SEND Green Paper has proposed major reforms to the system that provides support to children and young people with SEND and to the role of councils and their partners in that system. This session provides an opportunity to discuss those proposals and whether they will improve outcomes for children and young people with special needs and disabilities. | **Mrunal Sisodia OBE,** Co-Chair, National Network of Parent-Carer Forums  **Edwina Grant OBE,** Executive Director ofEducation and Children’s Services, Lancashire County Council, and **Chair**, ADCSHealth, Care and Additional Needs Committee **Chair: tbc** |
|  | What do residents think of local government | Research colleagues to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | Every day councils are delivering an enormous range of services for the public. But what is the public’s current perception of local government? How much is it influenced by events happening in Westminster and what can we learn about what the public expect from their councils? The LGA carries out regular resident satisfaction polling. Come along to find out how the views of residents have changed over the last few years and what this might mean for the services councils deliver in the future. | **Speaker to be confirmed** |
| *Wed 12.25-1.10* | The workforce capacity challenge | Workforce colleagues have developed the session and will develop briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | As councils up and down the country consider how to recruit and retain staff, particularly in those hard-to-reach skills areas, we discuss what works, how apprenticeships can be part of the solution, and explore what more can be done. | **Naomi Cooke,** Head of Workforce, Local Government Association **Matt Prosser,** Chief Executive, Dorset Council, and Leadership and Learning Spokesperson, SOLACE **Cllr Bridget Smith,** Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council  **Chair: Ian Thomas CBE, Chief Executive,** Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames Council |
| *Wed 12.25-1.10* | Heritage and the visitor economy (with walking tour) - incorporating high street renewal | Productivity have been involved in suggesting speakers and will provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant | The heritage of an area connects its past to its future and can play an important role in shaping local identity. Heritage has been acknowledged as a key driver of recovery in the Government’s Levelling Up strategy in supporting regeneration and pride of place. But what does that mean for local councils seeking to promote local economic growth and opportunity for their communities? In this facilitated conversation, we will explore how investment in both built and intangible local heritage can support a sustainable and thriving visitor economy and drive footfall to town centres and struggling high streets. We will hear from local leaders who have used heritage to engage local people, grow tourism, drive inward investment, and promote thriving areas in which people want to live and work. | **Adele Poppleton, Service Director for** Culture and Visitor Economy, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council  **Cllr Barry Lewis,** Leader, Derbyshire County Council **Chair: Cllr Gerald Vernon Jackson CBE**, Chair, LGA Culture, Tourism and Sport Board |
| *Wed 12.25-1.10* | Preventing homelessness – building an investment and social case | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | Local Partnerships have been working closely with two councils to develop a clearer understanding of successful homelessness prevention. With the aim of ensuring better outcomes for people, this work explores the cost associated with prevention work as well as details on avoidance. In this session you will hear about the methodology, findings and impact of this work. | **Jenny Coombs,** Project Director, Local Partnerships **Peter Shovlin,** Head of Leeds Housing Options, Leeds City Council |
| *Wed 4.25-5.10* | Equalities – in conversation with Professor Lord Kamlesh Patel OBE | Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers where relevant. | Interview with Lord Patel on his new role at Yorkshire CCC and his previous work in social care, as well as in the Lords - with a focus on his approach to equalities and what changes he has witnessed/been part of. A focus on his approach to creating a more accountable and inclusive culture at YCCC, what learnings he can share about addressing inequality in an institution that would be relevant to local govt etc. | **Professor Lord Kamlesh Patel OBE,** Chairman, Yorkshire County Cricket Club  Other speakers and Chair TBC |
| *Wed 4.25-5.10* | Local Government finance - the past and the future | Finance Improvement to provide briefing notes for speakers | A conversation with leading local government finance expert Tony Travers reflecting on past research into local government finance and what the future now holds | **Tony Travers, Visiting Professor,** Department of Government, LSE and Director, LSE London; **Chair: Kelly Watson,** Local Government Relationship Manager, CCLA |
| *Wed 4.25-5.10* | Empowering local action on climate change | Improvement have sourced speakers and written speaker briefings. The chair will highlight the LGA climate change improvement programme and associated offers. | Since 2019, the majority of councils have declared a climate emergency and have worked incredibly hard to create and implement their local climate action plans. Local government has and will play a key role in decarbonising our world. This session will focus on inspiring local leaders in their critical role of adapting and mitigating against climate change. It will leave delegates feeling inspired with a positive ‘can do’ attitude when tackling climate change locally and globally. They will hear from a climate leader on what is taking place internationally, a national adviser and a community advocate.  This is our chance for local places to recover greener and to shape the 21st-century economy in ways that are clean, green, healthy, just, safe, and more resilient. | **Ella and Amy Meek,** Co-Founders, Kids Against Plastic **(virtual )  Polly Billington,** Chief Executive, UK 100international perspective tbc **Louise Marix Evans, Author,** Climate Change Committee’s Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget publication, Quantum Strategy & Technology |