

## **LGA activities at the 2013 party conferences**

1. The LGA will be holding a corporate reception at each of the three main party political conferences this year, to publicise the *Rewiring Public Services* campaign. Each reception features a front bench party spokesperson. At the time of writing, the Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition have been confirmed for the Liberal Democrat and Labour events, with an invite extended to Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for the Conservative reception.
2. As part of the LGA's efforts to influence the 2015 party manifestos, a fringe event is being held at Liberal Democrat conference to debate the content of *Rewiring Public Services*. Panellists include:
  - 2.1 Chair: Mayor Dorothy Thornhill, Deputy Leader of LGA Liberal Democrat Group, elected Mayor of Watford
  - 2.2 Rt. Hon. Don Foster MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government
  - 2.3 Lord Shipley
  - 2.4 Annette Brooke MP, Co-Chair of Liberal Democrat backbench CLG Committee
  - 2.5 Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of London Borough of Sutton
3. The LGA has also proactively sourced over eighty speaking platforms for member councillors across the three events, offering a bespoke briefing for each opportunity. See below for a selection of those events sourced by the LGA for member councillors, on subjects related to the work programme of the Community Wellbeing Board:
  - 3.1 **Older People's Care: Fit for the Future?**
    - 3.1.1 Private roundtable organised by NHS Confederation and the Royal College of Physicians. Cllr Izzi Seccombe attending at Conservative conference.
  - 3.2 **How can we address rising rough sleeping?**
    - 3.2.1 Private roundtable organised St Mungo's and Crisis. Cllr Louise Goldsmith attending at Conservative conference.
  - 3.3 **Mental health – the biggest inequality**
    - 3.3.1 Private roundtable organised by the Centre for Mental Health. Cllr Ken Taylor attending at Conservative conference; Cllr Catherine McDonald attending at Labour conference; and Cllr Doreen Huddart attending at Liberal Democrat conference.
  - 3.4 **Housing and dementia care**
    - 3.4.1 Private lunch organised by the Alzheimer's Society. Cllr Louise Goldsmith attending at Conservative conference; Cllr Steve Bedser and Cllr Jonathan McShane attending at Labour

conference; and Cllr Doreen Huddart and Cllr Katie Hall attending at Liberal Democrat conference.

**3.5 Defusing the healthcare time bomb: More for less in health and social care**

3.5.1 Private roundtable organised by Reform. Cllr Ken Taylor attending at Conservative conference.

**3.6 NHS' progress towards quality and efficiency goals**

3.6.1 Private roundtable organised by the Royal College of Nursing. Cllr Louise Goldsmith attending at Conservative conference; Cllr Jonathan McShane attending at Labour conference; and Cllr Doreen Huddart attending at Liberal Democrat conference.

**3.7 Integration without reorganisation**

3.7.1 Private roundtable organised by Reform. Cllr Jonathan McShane attending at Labour conference.

**3.8 Living well for longer...fitter, happier, more productive**

3.8.1 Public fringe organised by Age UK. Cllr Jonathan McShane chairing the event at Labour conference; Cllr Katie Hall chairing at Liberal Democrat conference.

**3.9 Responsible Retailing: Our Contribution to Healthier Lives**

3.9.1 Private roundtable organised by the British Retail Consortium. Cllr Steve Bedser attending at Labour conference.

**3.10 Whole Person Care' for Older People**

3.10.1 Private roundtable organised by the NHS Confederation and the Royal College of Physicians. Cllr Jonathan McShane attending at Labour conference.

**3.11 Launch of updated Best Practice Guide to Community Covenants**

3.11.1 Public reception organised by the Royal British Legion. Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, LGA Vice-Chairman speaking at Liberal Democrat conference.

**3.12 Compassionate Care for Older People in the New NHS**

3.12.1 Private roundtable organised by NHS Confederation and the Royal College of Physicians. Cllr Katie Hall attending at Liberal Democrat

**3.13 Transforming Social Care: Beyond Personalisation**

3.13.1 Private roundtable hosted by Respublica and Dimensions UK. Cllr Jonathan McShane attending at Labour conference.

4. Details of all the public events that the LGA is involved in across the three party conferences, including the LGA's own receptions and fringe event, can be found online at <http://www.local.gov.uk/party-conferences>