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**LGA annual conference and exhibition
26-28 June 2012, ICC Birmingham
Conference programme**

For internal use only – as at 21 December 2011

All venues are within the ICC unless otherwise specified – venues are tbc and for illustration purposes only. General Assembly and all plenary sessions take place in Hall 1

Tuesday 26 June 2012

From 9.00	Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing	
From 11.00	Political group meetings	
	LGA Conservative Group	Hall 1
	LGA Labour Group	Hall 4
	LGA Liberal Democrat Group	Hall 8B
	LGA Independent Group	Hall 7A
	District Chief Executives Network (x20)	Executive Room 1
12.30-13.30	Sandwich lunch	
	LGA Conservative Group	Hall 3
	LGA Labour Group	Hall 4 foyer
	LGA Liberal Democrat Group	Hall 3
	LGA Independent Group	Hall 7 foyer
13.30	General assembly meeting	Hall 1
	To include Chairman's speech	
	Rt Hon David Cameron MP (invited)	
15.10	Refreshment break	Hall 3
15.50	Conference opening	Hall 1
	Mayor of Birmingham	
	Main conference sponsor	
15.55-16.40 (45 minutes)	Conference plenary 1	Hall 1
	Governor Christie (declined)	
	Mayor Boris Johnson (invited)	

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16.45-17.45	Workshop sessions W1 – Housing W2 – Creative councils – the discipline of innovation W3 – Members and officers: rethinking the relationship W4 – Putting the people back into participation – the changing role of councils in sport W5 – What are your council staff worth? The changing face of pay bargaining in local government W6 – The third sector perspective W7 – Tackling metal theft W8 – hot topic	
17.45-18.30	Civic drinks reception	Hall 3
18.30	Exhibition closes	
From 18.30	Evening fringe meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Councils Network • The Leadership Support Offer 	
From 19.30	Political group social events LGA Conservative Group LGA Labour Group LGA Liberal Democrat Group LGA Independent Group	Hall 4 Hall 11 Hall 9 Hall 10
Wednesday 27 June 2012		
8.30	Registration and exhibition opens	
9.15-10.00 (45 minutes)	Plenary session 2 Health and well-being boards (timing and title tbc)	Hall 1
10.00-10.30 (30 minutes)	Plenary session 3 – Political spokesperson Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP (declined)	Hall 1
10.30-11.15	Refreshments LGA smoothie reception	LGA group stand

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11.15-12.15	Workshop sessions W9 - Can we learn from the private sector? How did TESCO reduce workforce costs and still drive innovation? W10 – Be a Councillor – Councillors as talent spotters W11 – Civil disturbances and gangs 10 months on W12 – Members workshop on upcoming finance changes W13 – Beyond books and buildings: should councils close their libraries to save money? W14 – Education W15 – Using planning to deliver for – and with – your communities W16 – Productivity and procurement	
12.15-14.00	Lunch and exhibition viewing	Hall 3
12.45-13.45	District Councils Network Executive Forum for new leaders (details tbc)	Executive Room 1 Executive Room 2
14.00-14.45 (45 minutes)	Plenary session 4 Local Government Challenge	Hall 1
14.45-15.30 (45 minutes)	Plenary session 5 Community budgets (timing and title tbc)	Hall 1
15.30-16.15 (45 minutes)	Plenary session 6 Driving local growth (timing and title tbc)	Hall 1
16.30-17.45	Political group meetings LGA Conservative Group LGA Labour Group LGA Liberal Democrat Group LGA Independent Group	Hall 1 Hall 4 Hall 8B Hall 7A
17.45-18.30	Drinks Reception	Hall 3
18.30	Exhibition closes	
18.45	External evening fringe sessions	Various



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Thursday 28 June 2012

8.30	Registration and exhibition opens	
9.15-10.15	Workshop sessions W17 – Self improvement – more than an “add on” W18 – Are we nearly there yet? The care and support White Paper and the prospects for real reform W19 – Welfare reform W20 – hot topic	
10.15-11.00	Refreshments	
11.00-11.30 (30 minutes)	Plenary session 7 Political spokesperson Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP (invited)	Hall 1
11.30-12.15 (45 minutes)	Plenary session 8 Police and crime commissioners (timing and title tbc)	Hall 1
12.15-14.00	Lunch and exhibition	Hall 3
13.00-13.45	Lunchtime fringe meetings F1 – Energy and water efficiency in public buildings F2 - The evolved role of peer challenge in improving councils F3 - Place-based leadership and public service innovation F4 – hot topic F5 – hot topic F6 – hot topic F7 – Districts network assembly	ER1 ER 2 Hall 7A Hall 7B Hall 8A Hall 8B Hall 1
14.00-15.15	Political group sessions LGA Conservative Group LGA Labour Group LGA Liberal Democrat Group LGA Independent Group	Hall 1 Hall 4 Hall 8B Hall 7A

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	Chief Executives and officers session (tbc)	Hall 5
15.30-16.00 (30 minutes)	Plenary session 9 Political spokesperson Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP (invited)	Hall 1
16.00	Conference close Local Government Challenge award and reception	Symphony hall foyer