

LGA annual conference and exhibition
26-28 June 2012, ICC Birmingham
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Annex A

as at 3 May 2012

All venues are within the ICC unless otherwise specified.

General Assembly and all plenary sessions take place in Hall 1

Conference theme

In June 2012, the conference will be the place to go for debates on economic growth, local leadership, new models of innovation in service delivery and a host of other issues.

It will also be happening just weeks away from the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games and attention will rightly turn to how economic growth can be generated across the country. The role of councils in creating jobs and wealth will be paramount.

With the forthcoming introduction of city mayors, policing and crime commissioners and health and well-being boards, councils will also need to demonstrate leadership at the heart of a new set of relationships between the citizen and the state. Pressure will be on local authorities more than ever to innovate, deliver and manage services differently.

The Local Government Association's annual conference is the biggest event in the local government calendar. It also is one of the biggest political conferences of the year regularly attracting over 1,100 delegates. In 2012, the LGA conference will have much to debate, not to mention reforms in planning, local government finance, welfare and benefits, and discussion around the role of local authorities in education, social care and self-improvement.

Tuesday 26 June 2012

From 9.00	Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing	Hall 3
From 11.00	Political group meetings	
	• LGA Conservative Group	Hall 1
	• LGA Labour Group	Hall 4
	• LGA Liberal Democrat Group AGM	Hall 8B
	• LGA Independent Group AGM	Hall 7A
	• District Chief Executives Network	Executive Room 1
	• Challenge and learning network (invite only)	Executive Room 2

12.30-13.30	Sandwich lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Conservative Group • LGA Labour Group • LGA Liberal Democrat Group • LGA Independent Group 	Hall 3 Hall 4 foyer Hall 3 Hall 7 foyer
13.30	General assembly meeting	Hall 1
15.10	Refreshment break	Hall 3
15.50	Conference opening Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Cllr John Lines	Hall 1
15.55-16.40	Conference plenary 1 Robert Chote , Chairman, Office for Budget Responsibility	Hall 1
16.45-17.45	Workshop sessions (9 concurrent sessions)	
	W1 Housing the Nation: How to deliver development that communities support	Hall 5
	W2 Creative Councils – The Discipline of Innovation	Executive Room 1
	W3 Members and officers: rethinking the relationship	Hall 8A
	W4 Transforming the delivery of sport in local communities	Executive Room 2
	W5 What are your employees worth? The changing face of pay bargaining in local government	Hall 7A
	W6 In it together for communities: councils and the voluntary and community sector	Hall 7B
	W7 Local leadership, better health – the new vision for public health	Hall 8B
	W8 Leading localism: the elected mayor's view	Hall 4
	W9 The council role in education – learning from the LGA/DfE action research	Mezzanine Room 1
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 • Community Development Foundation • LGiU • Mendip District Council 	Executive Room1 Hall 8B Hall 7A Hall 7B Hall 8A

From 19.30	Political group social events	
	LGA Conservative Group	Hall 4
	LGA Labour Group	Hall 11
	LGA Liberal Democrat Group	Hall 9
	LGA Independent Group	Hall 10

Wednesday 27 June 2012

8.00	Breakfast fringe sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIA – details to be confirmed • RNIB and OPM – Quick wins and missed opportunities: how local authorities can work with disabled people to shape a better future • IPPR North – who polices the commissioners? • Newton Europe – details to be confirmed • mySociety • Sheffield City Region Leadership Academy 	Hall 7A Hall 7B Hall 8A Hall 8B External Copthorne Hotel Birmingham
8.30	Registration and exhibition opens	
9.15-10.00	Plenary session 2 Councils and better health: how local leaders can seize the opportunities of the NHS reforms The need for Health and Well-being Boards and the NHS Commissioning Board to develop relationships to ensure that commissioning of health services is transparent, locally accountable and focussed on the needs of local communities. As we prepare for the transfer of public health to local government in 2013, this plenary session offers a valuable opportunity to analyse the implications for local government and public health. Introduction: Cllr David Rogers OBE , Chairman, Community Well-being Board, LGA Keynote speech by Sir David Nicholson KCB CBE , Chief Executive of the NHS in England Chair: Mike Burton , The MJ	Hall 1
10.00-10.30	Plenary session 3 – Political spokesperson Speaker to be confirmed Chair: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson , Vice Chair, LGA	Hall 1
10.30-11.15	Refreshments LGA smoothie reception	LGA group stand

11.15-12.15	Workshop sessions	
	W10 What can we learn from the private sector? How do we reduce workforce costs and still drive innovation?	Hall 7B
	W11 Be a councillor – councillors as talent spotters	Hall 7A
	W12 Civil disturbances 10 months on – are we doing enough to prevent further disorder in the future?	Hall 8A
	W13 Surviving the squeeze: getting to a sustainable settlement for local government	Hall 4
	W14 Beyond books and buildings: should councils close their libraries to save money?	Executive Room 2
	W15 Constitutional reform	Hall 5
	W16 Using planning to deliver for – and with – your communities	Hall 8B
	W17 The Council of the Future: Beyond Shared Services and Shared Management	Executive Room 1
	W18 Taking the lead – councils improving adults and children’s services	Mezzanine Room 1
12.15-14.00	Lunch and exhibition viewing	Hall 3
12.20-13.50	Forum for new leaders (invite only)	Executive Room 2
12.45-13.45	Inspirational leadership – Chief Executives session – speaker to be confirmed	Venue tbc
12.45-13.45	District Councils Network Executive	Executive Room 1
14.00-14.45	Plenary session 4 Local Government Challenge The Local Government Challenge, now in its third year, is designed to give staff with the drive and determination to reach the top, the opportunity to demonstrate their individual and team-working skills. Open to employees in the LGA’s member authorities, contestants will undertake a series of challenges in a range of council services. The winner of the LG Challenge, who will be announced at the close of the conference and can look forward to a career enhancing scholarship worth up to £10,000 from the Bruce Lockhart Leadership Programme.	Hall 1

Chair:

Cllr Marianne Overton, Vice Chair, LGA

Panellists:

Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, LGA

Graham Farrant, Chief Executive, Thurrock Council

Paul Knight, 2011 LG Challenge winner

14.45-15.30

Plenary session 5

Hall 1

Community budgets

At the LGA's annual conference 2011, the Deputy Prime Minister announced support for areas to develop two 'whole-place' community budgets and two others to do the same at a neighbourhood level. Subsequently, on the 21st December 2011, the Government announced that 4 areas had been selected to take forward the whole area approach and 10 for the neighbourhood level.

Six months on from their successful selection, two places who are taking a leading role in shaping the future of public service delivery by developing community budgets will share their experiences with delegates.

Cllr Sir Richard Leese, Leader, Manchester City Council

Cllr Philippa Roe, Leader, Westminster City Council

Jim Barker-McCardle, Chief Constable, Essex Police

Dr Huw Charles-Jones, Chair, West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Chair: Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell

15.30-16.15

Plenary session 6

Hall 1

Driving local growth

In November 2011, the LGA launched a "Local Growth Campaign" to highlight the important role that councils play in creating the right conditions for local economic growth. At this plenary, we will be concluding our campaign and launching our own Green Paper on growth, highlighting the critical role that councils can play in the national economic recovery and how a renewed programme of localism could support new jobs and investment.

John Cridland, Director General, CBI

Cllr Peter Box CBE, Chair, Economy and Transport Board, LGA

Angela Maxwell OBE, Founder, Acuwomen and board member of the West Midlands Enterprise Board (and previously board member, Advantage West Midlands)

16.30-17.45	Political group meetings	
	• LGA Conservative Group	Hall 1
	• LGA Labour Group	Hall 4
	• LGA Liberal Democrat Group Finance <i>Adapting to the new financial environment</i>	Hall 8B
	• LGA Independent Group– Working out the implications of the Localism Bill	Hall 7A
	• Sleepless nights – what children’s services improvement can bring (invited Chief Executives only)	Hall 8A
17.45-18.30	Drinks Reception	Hall 3
18.30	Exhibition closes	
18.45	External evening fringe sessions	
	• Local growth	Hall 8A
	• St. Modwen Longbridge Tour – the region’s largest regeneration scheme	-
	• Office of Public Management: <i>Unlocking Local Capacity: switching on the power of councillors as community leaders</i> company, has been working with Shropshire	Hall 7A
	• Co-op	
	• Ogilvy/British Sprinklers Association	Executive Room 1
	• Post offices	Hall 7B
	• Becoming the Change We Want to See – New Designs for Local Government Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands	Hall 8B Symphony Ballroom, Hyatt Regency

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8.00	Breakfast fringe sessions	
	• Promoting growth –The councils role The Enterprising Local Councils –How local councils promote economic growth in their areas with the use of their capital assets and the governments present cities and growth programme.	Executive Room 2
	• Citizens Advice	Hall 7A
8.30	Registration and exhibition opens	

9.15-10.15	Workshop sessions	
	W19 Sector led improvement – more than an “add on”	Hall 8A
	W20 Are we nearly there yet? The care and support white paper and the LGA’s campaign for meaningful reform	Hall 5
	W21 Welfare reform	Hall 4
	W22 Troubled families	Hall 8B
10.15-11.00	Refreshments	
11.00-11.30	Plenary session 7 – Political spokesperson Speaker to be confirmed Chair: Cllr David Sparks OBE , Vice Chair, LGA	Hall 1
11.30-12.15	Plenary session 8 Preparing for police and crime commissioners Police and Crime Commissioners will be elected on 15 November 2012. This session provides an opportunity to explore how community safety partnerships have prepared for police and crime commissioners, how panels can provide a robust check and balance to police and crime commissioners and to hear from potential candidates what they will be looking for in their relationships with councils. Chair: Michael Crick, Political Correspondent, Channel 4 News Speakers to be confirmed	Hall 1
12.00-14.00	ACCE/SMCE business meeting	Venue tbc
12.15-14.00	Lunch and exhibition	Hall 3
12.30-13.45	Districts network assembly	Hall 1
13.00-13.45	Lunchtime fringe meetings	
	F1 Children in care: challenges and innovation	Hall 8A
	F2 Sector led improvement: The evolved role of “corporate” peer challenge in improving councils	Executive Room 2
	F3 Place-based leadership and social inclusion	Hall 7A
	F4 Olympic and Paralympic Games – creating new opportunities for the future	Hall 7B
	F5 Revitalising town centres	Mezzanine Room 1
	F6 Ernst and Young – details to be confirmed	Executive Room 1
	F7 Local authority collective bonds agency – details to be confirmed	Hall 8B

14.00-15.15	Political group sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Conservative Group • LGA Labour Group • LGA Liberal Democrat Group – <i>Future funding of social care and its impact</i> • LGA Independent Group – <i>Building local economies</i> • Have I got money for you? Chief Executives session (invite only) 	Hall 1 Hall 4 Hall 8B Hall 7A Hall 8A
15.30-16.00	Plenary session 9 – Political spokesperson Speaker to be confirmed Chair: Cllr Gary Porter , Vice Chair, LGA	Hall 1
16.00	Conference close Local Government Challenge award and reception	Registration foyer