



LGA annual conference and exhibition
26-28 June 2012, ICC Birmingham
sponsored by Vodafone

as at 31 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 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
10.30-11.00	Networking session: GVA	Hall 3 Networking zone
From 11.00	Political group meetings	
	• LGA Conservative Group	Hall 1
	• LGA Labour Group	Hall 4

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Liberal Democrat Group AGM 	Hall 8B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Independent Group AGM Speaker: Stephen Jones, Director of Finance & Resources, LGA 	Hall 7A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Chief Executives Network 	Executive Room 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executives session Challenge and learning network (invite only) 	Executive Room 2
12.00-12.30	Networking session: Accessing Energy Obligation (ECO) Funds , E.ON	Hall 3 Networking Zone
12.30-1.00	Networking session: Assets for growth and community benefit , Ernst and Young	Hall 3 Networking Zone
1.00-1.30	Networking session: Adult social care budgets , Partnership	Hall 3 Networking Zone
12.30-13.30	Sandwich lunch	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Conservative Group 	Hall 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Labour Group 	Hall 4 foyer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Liberal Democrat Group 	Hall 3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Independent Group 	Hall 7 foyer
13.30	General assembly meeting (agenda under separate cover)	Hall 1
15.20	Refreshment break	Hall 3
15.50	Conference opening Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Cllr John Lines Richard Aspinall , Head of Local Government, Vodafone	Hall 1
15.55-16.40	Conference plenary 1 Robert Chote , Chairman, Office for Budget Responsibility Local Government response Cllr Simon Henig , Leader, Durham County Council Cllr Ruth Dombey , Leader, London Borough of Sutton	Hall 1
16.45-17.45	Workshop sessions	

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	<p>W1 – Housing the Nation: How to deliver development that communities support</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Robert Gould, Leader, West Dorset District Council Kate Henderson, Chief Executive, Town and Country Planning Association Kathy MacEwen, Head of Localism and Planning, Design Council Caba Richard Hill, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Programmes, Homes and Communities Agency Chair: Lord Richard Best, President, LGA</p>	Hall 5
	<p>W2 – Creative Councils – The Discipline of Innovation</p> <p>Speakers: Geoff Mulgan, NESTA 2 Representative Creative Council Finalists Chair: Cllr Peter Fleming, Chair, Improvement Board, LGA</p>	Executive Room 1
	<p>W3 – Members and officers: rethinking the relationship</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Gary Porter, Leader, South Holland District Council, Terry Huggins, Joint Chief Executive and Cllr William Nunn, Leader, Breckland Council Cllr Jim McMahon, Leader and Charlie Parker, Chief Executive, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council Chair: Kathryn Rossiter, Managing Director, Solace</p>	Hall 8A
	<p>W4 – Keeping youngsters off the streets through sport</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Portsmouth City Council Julian Wadsworth MBE, Respect Programme Manager, Pompey Sports and Education Foundation Chris Perks, Director, Local Relationships, Sport</p>	Executive Room 2

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	<p>England Chair: Cllr Simon Henig, Leader, Durham County Council</p>	
	<p>W5 – What are your employees worth? The changing face of pay bargaining in local government</p> <p>Speakers: Sir Steve Bullock, Chair, Workforce Board, LGA Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive, Cambridgeshire County Council Heather Wakefield, National Secretary, Unison Cllr Ken Meeson, Leader, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council Chair: John Taylor, Chief Executive, ACAS</p>	<p>Hall 7A</p>
	<p>W6 – In it together for communities: councils and the voluntary and community sector Sponsored by NAVCA</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr John Mutton, Leader, Coventry City Council Joe Irvin, Chief Executive, NAVCA Chair: Dame Clare Tickell, Chief Executive of Action for Children</p>	<p>Hall 7B</p>
	<p>W7 – Local leadership, better health – the new vision for public health</p> <p>Chair and speaker: Cllr Linda Thomas, Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board, Bolton Council Speakers: Duncan Selbie, Chief Executive, Public Health England Dr Kate Ardern, Executive Director of Public Health for the Borough of Wigan</p>	<p>Hall 8B</p>
	<p>W8 – New perspectives on local governance</p> <p>Speakers: Sir Robin Wales, Mayor, London Borough of Newham Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman, LGA and Leader, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Cllr Peter Martin, Leader, Essex County Council Mayor Tony Egginton, Mansfield District Council</p>	<p>Hall 4</p>

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	Chair: Lord Peter Smith , Chair, Greater Manchester Combined Authority	
	<p>W9 – The council role in education – learning from the LGA/DfE action research</p> <p>Speakers: Natalie Parish, ISOS partnership Justin Donovan, Director of Education and Early Intervention, Hertfordshire County Council Cllr Mike Carr, Executive Member for Children, Families and Learning, Middlesbrough Council Chair: Cllr Stephen Castle, LGA representative on the Local Authority Action research Steering Group</p>	Hall 3 Mezzanine Room
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"> • Procurement excellence – an essential 'how-to' for councils – District Councils Network/iESE 	Executive Room1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leadership Support Offer 	Hall 8B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing local activities: How councils can help get cash into communities – Community Development Foundation 	Hall 7A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You won't need your wellies or a tent, but come and experience Glastonbury Festival in less than 60 minutes! Mendip district council 	Hall 8A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Room 'speed dating' networking event 	Copthorne Hotel's Cascade Suite
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East of England Local Government Association Reception (sponsored by Balfour Beatty Living Place) 	Ikon Gallery
From 19.30	<p>Political group social events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Conservative Group Speaker: John Hayes MP, Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning • LGA Labour Group • LGA Liberal Democrat Group • LGA Independent Group 	Hall 4 Hall 11 Hall 9 Hall 10

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	Speaker: Professor Colin Copus , Professor of Local Politics, De Montfort University	
Wednesday 27 June 2012		
8.00	Breakfast fringe session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient Highway Maintenance – Making Local Roads Work – AIA breakfast fringe 	Hall 7A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick wins and missed opportunities: how local authorities can work with disabled people to shape a better future – RNIB and OPM 	Hall 7B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who polices the commissioners? IPPR North 	Hall 8A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement Science: Understanding the opportunity, increasing the pace and injecting the necessary capacity to enable effective delivery – Newton Europe 	Hall 8B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do Digital by default, the Government Digital Service and the open data agenda mean for local government? A mySociety discussion 	Room 1, Meetingspace, 11 Brindley Place
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 21st Century workplace – Birmingham City Council 	Executive Room 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheffield City Region Leadership Academy 	Copthorne Hotel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Sector Spin-offs: How do we make them sustainable? Presented by NLGN and Baxi Partnership 	Fortissimo Meeting Room, Hyatt Hotel
8.30	Registration and exhibition opens	
9.15-9.45	Plenary session 2 – Political spokesperson (Liberal Democrat) Chair: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson , Vice Chair, LGA	Hall 1
9.45-10.30	Plenary session 3 Councils and better health: how local leaders can seize the opportunities of the NHS reforms 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	Hall 1

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	Chair: Mike Burton , The MJ	
10.30-11.15	Refreshments LGA smoothie reception	LGA stand
10.40-11.00	Networking session: GVA	Hall 3 Networking Zone
11.15-12.15	Workshop sessions	
	<p>W10 – Can we learn from the private sector? How do we reduce costs and still drive innovation?</p> <p>Speakers: Brian Dive, Managing Director DMA Consultancy Andrew Thomson, Chairman, Metro Bank</p> <p>Chair: Chris Johnson, UK human capital leader, Mercer</p>	Hall 7B
	<p>W11 – Be a Cllr – Cllrs as talent spotters</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell, Chairman, LGA Cllr Tim Pickstone, Association of Liberal Democrat Cllrs Cllr Ann Lucas, Coventry City Council Cllr Marianne Overton, Vice Chair, LGA Chair: Heather Jameson, Editor, The MJ</p>	Hall 7A
	<p>W12 – Civil disturbances 10 months on – are we doing enough to prevent further disorder in the future?</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Ahsan Khan, London Borough of Waltham Forest Speaker to be confirmed, Birmingham City Council Darra Singh, Chairman of Communities and Victims Panel Commander Mak Chishty, Metropolitan Police</p>	Hall 8A
	W13 – Surviving the squeeze: getting to a sustainable settlement for local government	Hall 4

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	<p>Speakers: Cllr Sharon Taylor, Member of LGA finance task group and Leader, Stevenage Borough Council Stephen Hughes, Chief Executive, Birmingham City Council David Smith, Director of Resources, Kirklees Council Simon Ridley, Director of Local Government Finance, Communities and Local Government Chair: Cllr Julian German, Cornwall Council</p>	
	<p>W14 – Beyond books and buildings: should councils close their libraries to save money?</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Dave Hodge, Leader, Surrey County Council Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor, London Borough of Lewisham and Chair, LGA Workforce Board Chair: Cllr Flick Rea, Chair, Culture, Tourism and Sport Board</p>	<p>Executive Room 2</p>
	<p>W15 – A Magna Carta for Local Government</p> <p>Speakers: Lord Tyler, Co-Chair of the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Party Committee on Constitutional and Political Reform Cllr Robert Light, LGA and Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council Graham Allen MP, Chair, Political and Constitutional Reform Select Committee Cllr Apu Bagchi, Bedford Council Chair: Rt Hon Peter Riddell, Director, Institute for Government</p>	<p>Hall 5</p>
	<p>W16 – Using planning to deliver for – and with – your communities</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Barry Wood, Leader, Cherwell Council Cllr Ed Turner, Deputy Leader, Oxford City Council Cllr Mike Haines, Teignbridge District Council Andrew Whitaker, Planning Director, Home Builders Federation Chair: Cllr David Parsons CBE, Chair, Environment and Housing Board, LGA</p>	<p>Hall 8B</p>

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	<p>W17 – Fit for the Future: Beyond Sharing what next for councils? Sponsored by iESE</p> <p>Speakers Cllr Peter Fleming, Chair, Improvement Board, LGA Simon Parker, Director of New Local Government Network Stephen Baker, Chief Executive, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils Alison Templeton, Director, Market Leverage, iESE Chair: Emma Maier, Editor, LGC</p>	Executive Room 1
	<p>W18 – Sector led improvement – councils improving adults and children’s services</p> <p>Speakers: David Taylor, Director of People’s Services, Shropshire County Council Cllr Robert Sleigh, Lead member for Health & Wellbeing and Dave Martin, Interim Director of Adult Social Care, Solihull</p>	Hall 3 Mezzanine Room
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	<p>Chief Executives session Inspirational leadership David Taylor, Professor of Leadership at Warwick University Business School and author of The Naked Leader</p>	Hall 5
12.45-13.45	District Councils Network Executive	Executive Room 8
13.00-13.30	"Anyone can use twitter - the question is why should you?"	Hall 3 Networking Zone
13.30-14.00	Networking session: adult social care budgets, Partnership.	Hall 3 Networking Zone
14.00-14.45	Plenary session 4 Local Government Challenge	Hall 1

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	<p>Panellists: Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, LGA Graham Farrant, Chief Executive, Thurrock Council Paul Knight, 2011 LG Challenge winner Chair: Cllr Marianne Overton, Vice Chair, LGA</p>	
14.45-15.30	<p>Plenary session 5 Community budgets</p> <p>Speakers: 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</p>	Hall 1
15.30-16.15	<p>Plenary session 6 Driving local growth</p> <p>Chair and speaker: Cllr Peter Box CBE, Chair, Economy and Transport Board, LGA John Cridland, Director General, CBI Angela Maxwell OBE, Founder, Acuwomen and board member of the West Midlands Enterprise Board (and previously board member, Advantage West Midlands)</p>	Hall 1
16.30-17.45	<p>Political group meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Conservative Group • LGA Labour Group • LGA Liberal Democrat Group Finance <i>Adapting to the new financial environment</i> • LGA Independent Group– Working out the implications of the Localism Bill Speaker: Paul Raynes, Head of Programmes, LGA Chair: Cllr Marianne Overton • Chief Executives session Sleepless nights – what children’s services improvement can bring • New Challenges, Better Ways of Working - Practical approaches to 	<p>Hall 1</p> <p>Hall 4</p> <p>Hall 8B</p> <p>Hall 7A</p> <p>Hall 8A</p> <p>Hall 7B</p>

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	changing the way we work – Vodaphone	
16.30-17.00	Networking session: How to identify missing council tax! Geoplace	Hall 3 Networking Zone
17.45-18.30	Drinks Reception	Hall 3
18.30	Exhibition closes	
18.30-20.00	Becoming the change we want to see – New Designs for Local Government Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands	Symphony Ballroom, Hyatt Regency
18.45	Evening fringe sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local economies, local growth campaign, LGA 	Hall 8A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Modwen Longbridge Tour – the region’s largest regeneration scheme 	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlocking Local Capacity: switching on the power of Cllrs as community leaders, Office of Public Management 	Hall 7A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partnership for change: What could the Post Office do for you? Post Offices Ltd 	Hall 8B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we put communities at the heart of the new planning framework? 	Executive Room 1
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can Local Government help ensure the long-term growth and success of local business by helping them to manage fire risk – Business Sprinkler Alliance 	Hall 7B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclaiming old age: a new approach to solving a multi-billion pound problem iMPower Consulting Ltd 	Dolce Room Hyatt Regency
18.45-19.30	Pre Dinner Drinks Reception and Launch - The NLGN Next Localism Commission	Fortissimo Meeting Room, Hyatt Hotel
19.00	Vertex dinner Invitation only	Hotel du vin
19.00	LAING sponsored dinner Invitation only	Hall 11

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Thursday 28 June 2012		
8.00	Breakfast fringe sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The family silver – to polish or to sell (to support growth)? – LGA 	Executive Room 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens, Consumers, Communities – CABs and councils working with and for their communities – Citizens advice 	Hall 7A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future funding of the fire service 	Hall 7B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a future for Gypsies and Travellers in our Society? - The impact of the NPPF and Localism changes on Local Authority Housing, Planning and Equalities obligations 	Executive Room 1
8.30	Registration and exhibition opens	
9.15-10.15	Workshop sessions	
	W18 – Sector led improvement – more than an “add on” Speakers: Cllr Stephen Houghton CBE , Leader, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Paul Martin , Chief Executive, London Borough of Wandsworth Chair: Cllr Peter Fleming , Chair, Improvement Board, LGA	Hall 8A
	W19 – Are we nearly there yet? The care and support white paper and the prospects for real reform Sponsored by Partnership Speakers: David Behan , Director General for Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships, Department of Health Cllr Andrew Lewer , Leader, Derbyshire County Council and Deputy Chairman, LGA Sarah Pickup , President, ADASS Chris Horlick , Partnership Chair: David Brindle , The Guardian	Hall 5
	W20 – Welfare reform	Hall 4

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	<p>Speakers: Jeremy Groombridge, Director of Implementation and Delivery in the Universal Credit programme Allen Graham, Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Council Julia Unwin, Chief Executive, Joseph Rowntree Foundation Chair: Cllr Ed Turner, Deputy Leader, Oxford City Council</p>	
	<p>W21 – Troubled families</p> <p>Speakers: Louise Casey, Director General, Troubled Families, CLG Tony McArdle, Chief Executive, Lincolnshire County Council Facilitator: Geoff Norris</p>	Hall 8B
10.15-11.00	Refreshments	
11.00-11.30	<p>Plenary session 7 – Political spokesperson Rt Hon Ed Balls MP, Shadow Chancellor Chair: Cllr David Sparks OBE, Vice Chair, LGA</p>	Hall 1
11.30-12.15	<p>Plenary session 8 Preparing for police and crime commissioners</p> <p>Chair: Michael Crick, Political Correspondent, Channel 4 News Panellists: Simon Weston, Falklands veteran Cllr Lisa Brett, Bath and North East Somerset Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Hall 1
12.00-14.00	ACCE/SMCE business meeting	Media Suite A
12.15-14.00	Lunch and exhibition	Hall 3
12.30	<p>Police and Crime Commissioners lunch event Question and answer session, chaired by Cllr Sir Merrick Cockell and Nick Herbert MP from the Home Office</p> <p>Panel session with Sir Hugh Orde, President, Association of Chief Police Officers; Sue Howl,</p>	Executive Room 7 and 8

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	Chief Executive Devon and Cornwall Police Authority; representative from the Electoral Commission	
13.30-14.00	Networking session: adult social care budgets, Partnership	Hall 3 Networking Zone
13.00-13.45	Lunchtime fringe meetings	
	<p>F1 – Children in care: challenges and innovation</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader, Portsmouth City Council and Vice Chair, LGA David Holmes, Chief Executive, British Association of Adoption and Fostering</p>	Hall 8A
	<p>F2 - Sector led improvement: The evolved role of “corporate” peer challenge in improving councils</p> <p>Speakers: Barry Quirk, Chief Executive, London Borough of Lewisham Andy Bates, Principal Adviser, Peer Support, LGA Cllr Andrew Bowles, Leader, Swale Borough Council</p>	Executive Room 2
	<p>F3 – Place-based leadership and social inclusion</p> <p>Speakers: Robin Hambleton, Professor of City Leadership and Joanna Howard, University of the West of England Gavin Jones, Swindon Borough Council Jan Ormondroyd, Bristol City Council Chair: Julia Unwin CBE, Chief Executive, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust</p>	Hall 7A
	F4 – Olympic and Paralympic Games – creating new opportunities for the future	Hall 7B

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	<p>Speakers: David Moorcroft, former Olympian middle and long distance runner and Chair, West Midlands Nations and Regions Group for the Games Cllr Stephen Castle, Chair, LGA 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games task and finish group</p>	
	<p>F5 – Revitalising town centres</p> <p>Speakers: Julian Dobson, Urban Pollinators Cllr Clyde Loakes, LGA Environment and Housing Board Martin Blackwell, Chief Executive of Association of Town Centre Management</p>	Executive Room 1
	<p>F6 – Ernst and Young – Transforming your community</p> <p>Speakers: John Baker, Head of Local Public Services – Ernst & Young Darra Singh, Associate Partner – Local Public Services – Ernst and Young</p>	Hall 3 Mezzanine Room
	<p>F7 – Local authority collective bonds agency</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Edward Lord, Local Partnerships Mark Luntley, Local Partnerships Rob Lamb, HSBC</p>	Hall 8B
12.30-13.45	F8 – Districts network assembly	Hall 1
14.00-14.30	Accessing Energy Obligation (ECO) Funds, E.ON	Hall 3 Networking Zone
14.00-15.15	<p>Political group sessions</p> <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> 	Hall 1
		Hall 4
		Hall 8B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA Independent Group – Building local economies Speaker: Ivan Annibal, Rose Regeneration Chair: Cllr Marianne Overton 	Hall 7A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Executives session (invite only) Have I got money for you? Stephen Jones, Executive Director (Finance), LGA	Hall 8A
14.30-15.00	GVA	Hall 3 Networking Zone
15.30-16.00	Plenary session 9 – Political spokesperson Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP , Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Chair: Cllr Gary Porter , Vice Chair, LGA	Hall 1
16.00	Conference close Local Government Challenge award and reception	Registration foyer

Full session descriptions can be found at www.local.gov.uk/annual-conference