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## **Improvement and Innovation Board – from Cllr Peter Fleming (Chairman)**

### **Innovation**

1. **LGA Behavioural Insights Programme grant funding 2018** - phase four of our prestigious [programme](#) has launched, part of our wider support to council innovation. We are looking for applications from councils with ideas aimed at managing service demand or achieving efficiencies. We are encouraging applications from councils, fire and rescue authorities and national parks that would like to work on a behavioural insights or 'nudge' project. Successful local authorities will benefit from up to £25,000 match funding to run a trial. The closing date is Thursday 1 November and further information is available on our [website](#).

### **Leadership**

2. **National Graduate Development Programme** - Cohort 21 [council registrations](#) are open. We are encouraging councils to apply early so we can advertise the programme locally with the aim of attracting candidates that are interested in the council before applications close. This year's recruitment cycle was opened to candidates from 17 September 2018 and will close on 3 January 2019.
3. **Leadership Essentials for children's services** - we have experienced tremendous demand for our Leadership Essentials Children's programme. Events in September, October and January have been fully booked and in light of this overwhelming demand we have added [two new dates for our Leadership Essentials for children's services](#) in February and March 2019.

### **Efficiency and productivity**

4. **Carillion: lessons for the public sector** - we ran this successful conference with Oxfordshire County Council on 2 October, which provided an opportunity for officers to hear from councils directly affected by the collapse earlier this year.
5. **Cyber security: improve your council's resilience** - on 7 November we will be holding an event for both councillors and council officers. Delegates will hear high level findings of the LGA's Cyber Security Stocktake, a snapshot study of the cyber security arrangements in place across councils in England, providing an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses across the sector. Delegates will also hear from the LGA how to bid for funding to improve their cyber resilience, as well as from key partners - including the National Cyber Security Centre, the police and the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government – about the resources they have available to support councils. Places can be booked via our [website](#).
6. **Digital Showcase** - on 22 November 2018 we will be hosting this event at our 18 Smith Square offices. This event will provide a forum to share and learn about some of the many innovative approaches to digital transformation already implemented in councils, as well as gain a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities they have to navigate as they set out to implement different digital tools and solutions. Examples will include the work using digital tools and solutions to transform adult social care, bringing

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together data from different partners to tackle troubled families and work on channel shift, making it easier for residents to self-serve. This event is free to all councils, and further information is available on our [website](#).

## **Improvement**

7. **An insight-driven approach to migration and cohesion** - the 2016 Casey Review uncovered a need for better insight around migration and change. The LGA is working alongside The Campaign Company and Webber-Phillips to explore how innovative new approaches can deliver this, helping councils to tackle cohesion on the ground. Our event with The Campaign Company on 19 October will help colleagues learn about the [Webber-Phillips' new Origins tool, which maps migration and cohesion](#) and helps authorities prepare for changes within their local neighbourhoods.

## **Accountability, transparency and sharing good practice**

8. **Data maturity self-assessment tool** - we recently launched this free online [tool](#) through which local authorities can complete a questionnaire to highlight their capabilities, be compared with others, and receive suggested next steps.

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