



LGA annual conference and exhibition

The future of public services - join the debate

Conference programme as at 23 May 2014



Tuesday 8 July		
8.30-10.00	Registration and refreshments	Main entrance
10.00-11.30	<u>Political group and officer meetings</u>	
	LGA Conservative Group Meeting	Windsor Hall
	LGA Labour Group Meeting	Solent Hall
	LGA Liberal Democrat Group Meeting	Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite 1
	LGA Independent Group Annual General Meeting An opportunity to receive the Group Annual Report to Members and Accounts and hear from Lead Group Members on their contributions during 2013-14. The second half of this session will be dedicated to learning from a leading council and being in opposition. Speakers: Cllr John Pollard, Leader, Cornwall Council Cllr Clarence Barrett, London Borough of Havering Chair: Cllr Marianne Overton, Leader, Independent Group. LGA	Bayview Suite
	Chief Executives Meeting	Purbeck Lounge
11.45-12.15/45	General Assembly	Windsor Hall
12.15-2.00	Lunch and exhibition viewing	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls
2.00-2.30	Conference opening and welcome to Bournemouth Cllr John Beesley, Leader, Bournemouth Borough Council Keynote opening speech by the Chairman of the Local Government Association	Windsor Hall
2.30-3.20	Conference plenary - Political leadership - what matters? Using the Question Time format, Ben Page from Ipsos Mori will share research findings into Political leadership. This will then be discussed by our panellists of council leaders who will reflect on their own experiences of political leadership. Speakers: Ben Page , Managing Director, Ipsos MORI Panellists: Cllr Steve Houghton , Leader, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Cllr Izzi Seccombe , Leader, Warwickshire County Council Mayor Dorothy Thornhill , Watford Borough Council Mark Boleat , Chair, Policy and Resources Committee, City of London Corporation	Windsor Hall
3.20-4.00	Refreshments and exhibition viewing	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls Bourne Lounge

4.00-4.40	<p>Conference plenary – how do we build the homes we need? House building remains stubbornly low and housing completions are a fraction of their peak in the post war house building boom. Getting a foot on the housing ladder is harder than ever and council waiting lists stand at around 1.7 million households. How do we build the homes we need? Housing is centre stage politically and delivering housing at the right price in the right location is an issue currently being considered by Sir Michael Lyons who is leading an independent review into Housing, commissioned by the Labour Party. This session is an opportunity to hear from Sir Michael and discuss the opportunities for councils to play their full role in delivery. Speakers: Sir Michael Lyons, Chair of the Lyons Review</p>	Windsor Hall
4.45-5.45	<p>Breakout sessions W1) Empowering local government – lessons from the Netherlands and the UK In the Netherlands, a massive decentralisation process is underway in which long-term care and youth services will be transferred from national to local government level. The decentralisation process is accompanied by budget cuts, placing new responsibilities on councils and residents. Stronger local government in the Netherlands is gaining new powers and consequently establishing a new more mature relationship with central government. In the UK, councils are striving for greater local autonomy. Some city deals have given councils new economic powers and renewed the relationship with Whitehall. This workshop will examine the lessons from Netherlands and compare with the current debate on decentralisation in the UK. What are the lessons from the Netherlands from the experience of gaining new powers for local government? Speakers: Jantine Kriens, Chief Executive, Association of Dutch Municipalities/VNG Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive, Cambridgeshire County Council Chair: Cllr Sue Murphy, Deputy Leader, Manchester City Council</p>	Bayview Suite 1

	<p>W2) The high street is dead. Long live the high street</p> <p>British shopping habits have fundamentally changed and, with them, the high street. Is it time to give up on the quest to recover the halcyon days of “the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker”? In many places across the country, the English high street is finding new life as a place where people go to work, live and play, as well as shop. What lessons can these places offer struggling high streets?</p> <p>Speakers: Simon Roberts, Managing Director, Boots UK Mark Cullinan, Chief Executive, Lancaster City Council Martin Blackwell, Chief Executive, Association of Town & City Management</p>	Purbeck Lounge
	<p>W3) Emerging growth – impact of the employment and skills deficit on a local area</p> <p>Many areas are predicting that local growth is set to return by 2020. Councils, alongside LEPs, are at the forefront of local efforts to create the right conditions for this using local intelligence to predict which sectors will bring growth, which will decline, and critically what skills are needed. Supporting all local residents so they are equipped with skills and capacity to compete for local jobs is fundamental to achieving local growth ambitions and tackling worklessness.</p> <p>While every area has its unique challenge and solutions, a factor common to all is their lack of levers to influence national skills and back to work support. If there is no change to the way this is commissioned and delivered, growth will only benefit those local areas and residents equipped to take advantage of the opportunities. This means that skills and employment deficit will become even greater through growth.</p> <p>The LGA will publish a report setting out what these challenges mean for local areas. Be part of the debate and tell us how these issues resonate with you and your local area, and be part of the solution, and help us define a radical new place based solution which can more effectively knit welfare reform, employment and skills, regeneration and growth.</p> <p>Speakers: Barbara Spicer, Interim Chief Executive, Skills Funding Agency Chris Hayes, Labour Market Strategy Director, Department for Work and Pensions Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Tregonwell Seminar Suite 1

	<p>W4) The Future of Local Government Finance (“Meet the Commission”)</p> <p>The LGA with CIPFA is setting up a local government finance commission to investigate how the LG finance system needs to change to deliver better outcomes for people. This session will be an opportunity to hear about the work of the Commission and to express views to the Commissioners.</p> <p>Speaker: Rob Whiteman, Chief Executive, CIPFA Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Solent Hall
	<p>W5) Handling emergency situations</p> <p>This session will look at the local government response to an increasing number of civil emergency situations and point to examples of good practice in the recent flooding. It will cover the basic principles of good preparedness and the importance of crisis communications.</p> <p>Speakers: Andy Huddart, Deloitte’s Cllr Jill Shortland, Somerset County Council</p>	Tregonwell Seminar Suite 2
	<p>W6) Future libraries</p> <p>From co-locating libraries with other services to using buildings more creatively and efficiently, providing assisted digital access to a range of services, as well as the most up-to-date version of the traditional offer of written information, libraries are demonstrating their value to an ever wider group of users.</p> <p>Against a backdrop of continued austerity, how can libraries secure their future? To stimulate debate on this question, the Government has launched an independent libraries panel, led by philanthropist, entrepreneur and publisher William Sieghart. This session will give delegates an opportunity to influence the Sieghart review and to hear from two councils about how they are embedding libraries as part of the overall council service offer to communities.</p> <p>Speakers: William Sieghart, Chair of the Independent Libraries Advisory Panel Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Bayview Suite 2
	<p>W7) Housing roundtable</p> <p>Councils have long supported sustainable house building both directly and in partnership with private developers, housing associations and community organisations. Using their planning powers, land holdings, finance and local knowledge councils are often a central player in successful housing developments which meet local needs, are supported by adequate infrastructure and secure the wider economic benefits for their local area.</p> <p>This is the subject of two reviews, led by the Government and the</p>	Meyrick Suite

	<p>Labour Party. This session provides an opportunity to discuss how your councils is supporting housing locally, what more it could do and what needs to change directly with the review teams.</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Keith House and Natalie Elphicke, joint leads 'review of local authorities role in housing supply'</p>	
5.45-6.30	<p>Civic drinks reception, hosted by Bournemouth Borough Council</p>	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls
6.30-	<p><u>Fringe meetings</u> Complaints – an opportunity or threat? (Local Government Ombudsman) The LGO will present their 1st annual review of local government complaints. It will highlight the trends and themes in the complaint numbers and draw upon people's real experiences of local public services. It will also identify opportunities to use complaints as a tool for learning and sector led improvement. The session will encourage debate on whether complaints can be used more effectively to support local democratic accountability and scrutiny.</p> <p>Speaker: Michael King, Executive Director, External Affairs, LGO</p>	Various Bayview Suite 1
	<p>Strengthening local accountability: a pre-requisite for greater local devolution of financial powers (CfPS) Rewiring Public Services sets out local government's ambition for place-based finance. In return for more local devolution, government and national politicians will want assurance that local areas have robust local accountability and scrutiny arrangements to enable them to 'track the taxpayer's pound'. This interactive session will explore the barriers and opportunities and suggest a new approach to joined-up governance: a powerful local Public Accounts Committee for every place. Representatives from local areas developing innovative new approaches to joined-up local governance have also been invited to share their experience.</p> <p>Speakers: Rob Whiteman, Chief Executive, CIPFA Jessica Crowe, Executive Director, Centre for Public Scrutiny</p>	Bayview Suite 2
6.30-	<p>Guide dogs fringe meeting Details to be confirmed</p>	Meyrick Room
6.30-	<p>East of England LGA reception A drinks and canapé reception hosted by the East of England Local Government Association at the 2014 LGA annual conference This is an opportunity for leaders and chief executives from councils across the East of England to network and speak directly about their experiences and successes in delivering innovation, improving collaboration and driving efficiencies. By invitation only.</p>	West Beach, Pier Approach, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 5AA

6.30-	<p>Using assets to drive growth – lessons learned by 14 local authorities in the West Midlands (hosted by Local Partnerships and Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands))</p> <p>The opportunity for attendees to get some real life examples of how 14 councils (Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Herefordshire, Sandwell, Solihull, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, Telford, Walsall, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Wolverhampton) in the West Midlands have used their property and assets in innovative ways to deliver significant growth and regeneration in their localities.</p> <p>Co-chaired by Chief Executive Martin Reeves, Coventry City Council, alongside a political representative from another participating authority, together they will provide an overview of the inspiring work they have been involved with and participate in a panel discussion providing the forum for a lively debate and discussion.</p> <p>The event will also launch a new publication produced by Local Partnerships and Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands (IEWM) to highlight best practice examples and lessons learned across the 14 Councils.</p> <p>Refreshments will be served</p>	Avon Room
6.30-	<p>The speed of money in growing the economy sponsored by Oxygen Finance</p> <p>Focusing on the findings of a recent government consultation on the Late Payment of Invoices: Building a Responsible Payment Culture, this event will investigate the measures local authorities are taking to help grow the local and national economy and to protect front line services.</p>	Purbeck Lounge
6.30-8.00	<p>Building Partnerships to Tackle Alcohol Related Harms (Portman Group)</p> <p>Just over one year on from the introduction of the public health role for local authorities, this session is an ideal opportunity to explore and discuss ideas on how to effectively tackle alcohol-related harms in communities through greater collaboration, and to share best practice between local authorities, the police and other stakeholders. The focus will be on identifying tried and tested solutions to addressing issues such as underage drinking, anti social behaviour, raising standards in licensed premises and promoting diversity in the night-time economy. The session will also examine the benefits of working in partnership with industry schemes such as Pubwatch, Best Bar None, Community Alcohol Partnerships, Purple Flag, and the Proof of Age Standards Scheme, as well as the contribution that wider initiatives such as Street Pastors and Business Improvement Districts can make to managing the night-time economy.</p>	Purbeck Bar
6.45-	District Councils Network reception	Pavilion Ballroom
6.45-8.00	County Councils Network reception	Key West Bar, Bournemouth

		Pier
7.30-	<p>LGA Independent Group Dinner Speaker: Dr Maggie Atkinson, Children’s Commissioner for England</p>	De Vere Suite, Royal Bath Hotel
Wednesday 9 July		
8.00-9.00	<p><u>Early bird sessions</u> Dementia friendly communities – sharing the learning from Yorkshire (JRF) Join for us breakfast and hear how JRF have been working towards a dementia-friendly Yorkshire.</p> <p>This fringe session will discuss the progress and the learning, with illustrations from many sectors e.g. retail; service industry; public services; leisure; culture; transport etc.</p> <p>It will draw on evidence from JRF funded projects in York and Bradford which are currently being evaluated and will draw out learning of involving people with dementia themselves in dementia friendly communities. You will also hear how JRF are committed to becoming a dementia friendly organisation.</p> <p>Philly Hare, Programme Manager at JRF will lead the session and will discuss her involvement in the regional Dementia Action Alliance, the 20 dementia friendly case studies in Yorkshire and her role as a Champion on the Prime Minister’s dementia friendly communities group.</p>	Various Bayview 1
9.30-10.30	<p>Parallel plenary sessions PP1) Finding our place: what would devolution mean for local identity? As the Scottish referendum draws nearer, the distinct identity of Cornish people is recognized, the Wales Bill proceeds through Parliament and historic county names are once more allowed on road signs, the question of what the right devolution settlement for England might be is reaching at the forefront of constitutional debate.</p> <p>Join our distinguished panel to discuss how the English Question should shape the policy landscape in the months to come. The panel will also discuss the role of local and regional identity, and how recent trends towards area-based working and city-regions fit with voters’ traditional ideas of place and belonging.</p> <p>Speakers: Graham Allen MP, Chair, Political and Constitutional Reform Select Committee Viscountess Cobham, Chairman, VisitEngland Cllr Phil Davies, Leader, Wirral Council and Chair, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority. Cllr John Pollard, Leader, Cornwall Council</p>	Solent Hall

	<p>PP2) The Future of health and social care Health and social care is changing. The Care Bill has received Royal Assent, which comes just two years after the Health and Social Care Act entered the statute books in 2012. Together, these two pieces of legislation transform our health and social care system at both a national and local level, and on a scale not seen for a generation. But even with a new legislative framework for health and social care, fundamental questions about the future of the system remain.</p> <p>Chief amongst these is how the system should be funded and how the system should be re-shaped to bring health and social care closer together. This is the focus of the King's Fund independent commission on the future of health and social care, and at this session delegates will get to hear the commission's views direct from its chair, Kate Barker. David Pearson, Director of Adult Social Care and Health at Nottinghamshire County Council and ADASS President, and Richard Hawkes, Chief Executive of Scope and Chair of the Care and Support Alliance, will provide the local government and voluntary sector perspectives respectively, reflecting on progress to date with integration and what more needs to be done to create a health and social care system that is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Speakers: Kate Barker, Chair, Commission on the Future of Health and Social Care in England David Pearson, President, Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, and Corporate Director Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection, Nottinghamshire County Council Richard Hawkes, Chief Executive, Scope, and Chair, Care and Support Alliance Chair: Cllr Katie Hall, Chair, Community Wellbeing Board, LGA</p>	Purbeck Lounge
	<p>PP3) Making the balance sheet work for your community (LGA/CCLA) There is a significant imbalance in the overall local government balance sheet. Councils have £84 billion in long dated liabilities costing £3 billion to £4 billion to service and £37 billion in short dated assets delivering an income of around £0.5 billion.</p> <p>This session will consider this imbalance and look at how councils can make the balance sheet work better for their communities. It will start by reviewing the current and future economic and political environments influencing approaches to investment and borrowing. Michael Quicke, Chief Executive of the specialist investment advisers CCLA, and the conference's principal sponsor, will then examine how councils can best exploit their assets. The session will conclude with a look at the proposed Municipal Bonds Agency and the benefits it will deliver for councils in particular reducing their liabilities.</p> <p>This is a not to be missed, thought provoking opportunity to hear</p>	Windsor Hall

	<p>the views of experts on how councils can make the most of what they have got and address the investment and borrowing challenges they face.</p> <p>Speakers: Anthony Hilton, Author, Broadcaster, Journalist and Lecturer. Financial Editor, Evening Standard Michael Quicke, Chief Executive, CCLA Other speaker to be confirmed</p>	
10.30-11.15	Refreshments	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls Bourne Lounge
11.15-12.15	<p><u>Breakout sessions</u></p> <p>W1) Climate Local: delivering growth, income and safer communities</p> <p>Councils across the country are taking positive steps to deliver local economic growth, make savings, generate income and increase the resilience of local communities and businesses. Against these outcomes, and in the face of mounting funding cuts and a winter of unprecedented severe weather, councils continue to lead work in reducing carbon emissions and making their places, services and local economies more resilient to our changing climate.</p> <p>Climate Local is an LGA initiative to drive, inspire and support council action on climate change. Over 80 authorities have signed up to the initiative since it was launched in June 2012, committing themselves to take action based on local priorities, such as supporting jobs, attracting Green Deal and ECO funding to protect vulnerable residents from rising energy prices and safeguarding communities from the impacts of flooding and heatwaves. This session will be a chance to hear from leading councils about the work they are delivering and the positive impact it is having on the local area.</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr David Brazier, Climate Local Kent and the Kent Environment Strategy Cllr Robert Light, Deputy Chair, Environment Agency Cllr Rakhia Ismail, London Borough of Islington</p>	Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite 1
	<p>W2) The path to true workforce integration</p> <p>As health and social care services in particular move ever closer together, partnership working and organizational integration are giving way to the challenge of developing true single workforces focused on communities; this brings significant challenges around culture change and resilience as well as hard issues around pay, conditions, skills and management. Delegates will hear from a range of councils about the approaches they have adopted with partners as well as from key national players such as Department of Health and Skills for Care.</p>	Purbeck Lounge

Just what do partners really need to do to develop a single workforce rather than just combined teams? What are the benefits and pitfalls?

Speakers:

Councillor Margaret Morris, Assistant Mayor, Health and Wellbeing, Salford City Council

Sharon Allen, Chief Executive, Skills for Care

Chair: **Councillor Elaine Atkinson**, Poole Borough Council

W3) Welfare reform and behaviour change

This session will focus on behaviour change in relation to welfare reform from the perspective of Government, local government, and a behavioural change specialist.

A Government representative will outline the behaviour change the Government is aiming to achieve through its welfare reforms with reference to making work pay, the 'Claimant Commitment', and the introduction of Universal Credit.

A local authority representative will suggest how councils can work with partners to help create the right environment locally to support behaviour change and welfare reform. Particular reference will be made to improving people's financial resilience, home life stability, and employment prospects.

Lastly a social researcher will take a forward look at the welfare reform agenda and suggest, with reference to the desired outcomes, how behavioural change programmes need to be very carefully designed to achieve their aims and avoid possible pitfalls. There will then be an opportunity to put questions to the panel.

Speakers:

John-Paul Marks, Universal Credit Programme Integration Lead, Department for Work and Pensions

Cllr Kieran Quinn, Leader, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Catherine Staite, Director, INLOGOV

Solent Hall

W4) LEPs – powerful ally or unwelcome quango?

Debate about squaring democratic accountability of public funds with business-led drive for growth

As increasing amounts of public funding on enablers of growth, such as housing and transport, are handed over to LEPs, how is local government supposed to fulfil its statutory responsibilities regarding those policy areas when decision-making has been delegated to business partners?

Speakers:

Alex Pratt, Bucks TV LEP

Martin Tett, Leader, Buckinghamshire County Council

Mayor Tony Egginton, Mansfield

Cllr Paul Carter, Leader, Kent County Council

Tregonwell Hall
Seminar Suite 2

	<p>W5) Councils innovating to generate income</p> <p>A large number of councils are now thinking through a more commercial approach to their activities – and being councils, that also means ensuring better outcomes for their citizens.</p> <p>Rather than increasing fees and parking charges many councils are using their assets, trading services with others across the public and private sector, and selling commodities to generate income.</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity to hear more about innovative examples of council income generation.</p> <p>Speakers: John Harrison, Executive Director, Peterborough City Council Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Bayview 1
	<p>W6) Fracking – making the right decision for communities</p> <p>Fracking is a hot topic of debate as we consider our future options for meeting energy need and councils are at the heart of making decisions on behalf of local communities. What are the factors that need to be taken into account in considering the options and making those decisions? How do we ensure that fracking delivers long-term benefits to those communities that host development in their areas?</p> <p>Speakers: Francis Egan, Chief Executive, Cuadrilla Resources Ltd Cllr Jenny Mein, Leader Lancashire County Council Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Bayview 2
12.15-2.00	Lunch and exhibition viewing	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls
12.45-1.45	<p>Chief Executives Meeting</p> <p>The Le Grand review and the future of children's social care</p> <p>Speakers: Mark Rogers, Chief Executive, Birmingham City Council Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Purbeck Lounge
12.45-1.45	DCN Assembly	Solent Hall
12.45-1.45	<p>Bournemouth fringe meeting – Code Club</p> <p>In the rapidly changing digitally-led world of the 21st century, children really are the future, and "code" will be the language they will speak. In order for the UK Plc to remain competitive it is imperative that our young people have an understanding, however basic, of this new vernacular and Code Club are helping catalyse this revolution.</p> <p>Code Club are an international not-for-profit organisation, solely focused on inspiring and equipping young people with the skills they will undoubtedly need when they enter the workforce. Delivered via free after-school clubs, run by experienced</p>	Tregonwell Seminar suite 1

	<p>volunteers, this highly-regarded scheme has created a sustainable model replicable across the country, indeed, the world.</p> <p>Bournemouth is very proud to be launching as an Official Code Club Partner Town and in the this session you will hear from Laura Kirsop, Code Club's Managing Director, about the work they do and how this pioneering relationship is evolving.</p>	
2.00-2.50	<p>Parallel plenary sessions</p> <p>PP1) Fair deal for England and Wales</p> <p>This session will look at the future of the Barnett Formula and funding arrangements across the United Kingdom With the Scottish referendum due to take place on 18 September 2014, this session is a timely opportunity for delegates to explore what England and Wales gain from a new constitutional settlement. It will develop the recommendation made in Rewiring Public Services that the Barnett Formula be scrapped and make the case for a fair deal across the Union.</p> <p>Speakers: Fraser Nelson, Editor, The Spectator Lord Shipley, LGA Vice President Cllr Sharon Taylor, Leader, Stevenage Borough Council Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Solent Hall
	<p>PP2) A vision for children and young people in the 21st century</p> <p>At the last LGA Conference we launched our 'rewiring campaign' to provide solutions to how we can deliver public services despite the pressures on public spending. The key principle underpinning our proposals for children was that services need to be built and integrated around the needs of children and their families, not around buildings, institutions and wasteful bureaucracy.</p> <p>Since then we have consulted widely with children and young people and with partners in the public and voluntary sectors to set out a clear set of shared ambitions for children that we would seek to deliver in the context of 'rewired' public services.</p> <p>Speakers: Louise Casey, Director General, Troubled Families, DCLG Cllr David Simmonds, Chair, Children and Young People Board, LGA Other speakers to be confirmed</p>	Purbeck Lounge
2.00-2.50	<p>PP3) Clash of the think tanks</p> <p>A panel of high profile think tanks, brought together to debate the cost of living, a subject which is emerging as a key theme in the run up to the 2015 General Election.</p> <p>Speakers: Ruth Porter, Head of Economic and Social Policy, Policy Exchange</p>	Windsor Hall

	<p>Ed Cox, Director, IPPR North Stephen Lee, Chief Executive, CentreForum</p>	
2.00-2.50	<p>PP4) Using your workforce to transform your council It's a time of dynamic and turbulent change for the local government sector, when members are redefining and transforming their councils in a new era of public service. The future will see us working in an environment full of complex systems and problems that will require human flexibility, joint working and responsiveness. This means our workforce roles, responsibilities and structures will need to be adaptable and flexible and our staff will need to feel confident and resilient about developing and implementing change. This session will provide evidence of how using culture, engagement and skilled and empowered management can support your workforce to drive high performance and transformational change.</p> <p>Speakers Sue Covill, Director of Employment Services, NHS Employers Laura McGillivray, Chief Executive, Norwich City Council Chair: Cllr Roger Phillips, Herefordshire Council</p>	Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite 1
3.00-3.45	<p>Conference plenary – NHS England In his first public speech on taking up his post on 1 April, Simon Stevens emphasised the importance of self-care, personalisation and integration in ensuring that the NHS is fit for the future. This plenary is an opportunity for him to develop his change agenda for the NHS and to identify how the NHS and local government can work together to ensure better health, better services and sustainable public services Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England</p>	Windsor Hall
3.45-4.45	<p>Refreshments and exhibition viewing</p>	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls
3.45-4.45	<p>Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting Session for HWB Chairs and Vice Chairs – an opportunity to hear about the new Health and Wellbeing System Improvement Programme and support available for Chairs and a chance to network, share experiences and reflect on the current and future challenges.</p>	Bayview 1
4.45-5.15	<p>Conference plenary – Political spokesperson Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government</p>	Windsor Hall

5.15-6.00	<p><u>Fringe meetings</u></p> <p>F1) Social impact bonds</p> <p>This joint LGA and Social Finance roundtable, of limited capacity, will provide an introduction to the social investment market, specifically Social Impact Bonds and how they can be used in a local authority setting. Hosted by senior figures from central and local government, as well as the social investment sector, representatives of authorities already developing SIBs will present their initiatives and will explore with attendees the challenges and opportunities social investment and Social Impact Bonds can bring to Local Government.</p> <p>Invitation only</p>	Bayview 1
	<p>F2) Leaving a lasting legacy – achieving step change through Early Intervention (Early intervention foundation)</p> <p>Early Intervention is about addressing the root causes of social disadvantage, ensuring that everyone is able to realise their full potential by developing the range of skills we all need to thrive. It is about getting extra, effective and timely interventions to all babies, children and young people who need them, allowing them to flourish and preventing harmful and costly long-term consequences</p> <p>The Early Intervention Foundation is the national voice speaking out for Early Intervention. We are also one of the government ‘What Works’ centres aiming to ensure that evidence is at the heart of decision making.</p> <p>One of our key aims is to ensure a shift of spend from late intervention to early intervention. We are particularly keen to engage with political leaders on how we can help make the biggest impact in places at a local level and influencing decision makers at a national level</p> <p>Invitation only</p>	Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite 1
5.15-6.30	<p>F3) Mind the Gap (Women’s Local Government Society)</p> <p>Come to be inspired and entertained as leading women share their secrets of success: laughter and anecdotes on overcoming the gender gap. 2018 is 100 years since the Suffragette Movement and the introduction of the Representation of the People Act. As part of the Women in Local Government Society AGM, we invite you to take part in the celebrations planned. So how far have we come in local government today and what more can we do? Our local government workforce is predominantly female, nearly three quarters of all employees, yet very few women in top positions still, particularly in certain disciplines. Does local government have a role to play in ensuring women are represented at the top both as politicians and officers?</p> <p>Speakers: Caroline Goyder, Gavitas Method Other speakers to be confirmed Chair: Cllr Lesley Clarke, Buckinghamshire County Council</p>	Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite 2

	<p>F4) Baroness Stowell – Tackling Local Fraud Effectively Baroness Stowell, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will deliver a speech on the imperative for local authorities to innovate and take action in dealing with local fraud effectively and will provide an update on central government funding to support this. Speech to be followed by a short Q&A. Speaker: Baroness Stowell, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government</p>	Purbeck Lounge
	<p>F5) Under starter’s orders – the LGA’s Betting Commission The LGA’s Betting Commission was convened in response to councils’ and residents’ concerns about betting shop clustering and Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs). The Commission brings together representatives from councils, the main five bookmakers, the Association of British Bookmakers and government, with the aim of identifying ways in which councils and the industry can work together jointly to address local issues and concerns. Following government’s recent announcement on new measures to address clustering and problem gambling, the Commission is looking at how these measures will work in practice.</p> <p>Speakers: Councillor Tony Page, LGA Licensing Champion Dirk Vennix, Chief Executive, Association of British Bookmakers Alison Pritchard, Head of Gambling and Licensing, Department of Culture Media and Sport</p>	Bayview 2
	<p>F6) Low interest rates: you don’t have to stay a victim (CCLA) Low interest rates and rising risks mean that conventional cash based Treasury portfolios are less helpful to your council and community. But you don’t have to sit and take it, there are strategies which will dramatically improve your income and can also protect against inflation. There is no time like the present for making things better. This fringe meeting will be led by CCLA’s Mark Davies and John Kelly. CCLA Investment Management Limited has managed local authority and charitable funds for over 50 years and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. They presently have 270 local authority clients and growing.</p>	Purbeck Bar
6.00-7.00	<p>All delegate drinks reception <i>Sponsored by McDonald’s</i></p>	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls
7.30-	<p>LGA Conservative Group dinner</p>	Solent Hall
	<p>LGA Labour Group dinner</p>	De Vere Suite, Royal Bath
	<p>LGA Liberal Democrat Group dinner</p>	Dorset Room, Norfolk Royale
7.15-	<p>SOLACE/LGA drinks reception followed by Chief Executives dinner</p>	Print Room

Thursday 10 July

8.00-9.00

Early bird sessions

Let's talk about loneliness (JRF)

What are the risks of not addressing loneliness, of not doing whatever we can to reduce loneliness? How do we make every contact count? How do we look after the health and wellbeing of our communities, colleagues and ourselves? How do we resource prevention in hard times? How can we all talk about loneliness? Join us for breakfast and share research findings and solutions from the three year JRF Neighbourhood approaches to loneliness programme. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about how local unpaid community members/researchers directly engaged with over two thousand residents, using Action Research and Asset Based Community Development approaches. This resulted in sustainable prevention in all neighbourhoods; lead by and for local people.

There are people like this everywhere and the process used so effectively, but adaptably across the four neighbourhoods is replicable - low cost and sustainable.

Speakers:

Tracey Robbins, Programme Manager Neighbourhood approaches to loneliness, Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Susan Allen, Former support worker for the JRF Neighbourhood approaches to loneliness programme

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Bayview 1

Electoral reviews: a masterclass (Local Government Boundary Commission for England)

The Commission's reviews are changing electoral arrangements for councils across England. From the total number of members elected to the authority to the boundaries of the wards they represent, our work is making an impact on the way councils function and how people are represented.

Increasingly, local authorities are also approaching the Commission to put themselves forward for review. Councils can ask us to look at the total number of councillors elected to the authority, to move to single-member wards or to align their electoral arrangements with their ambitions for the area.

This special session offers a master class in all aspects of the electoral review process for councillors and officers. If you are part of the Commission's future programme of work, or you are thinking about putting your council forward for review, this session will be invaluable.

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Branksome Suite

	<p>National resilience</p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity for Members to discuss/debate the role of Fire and Rescue in, and the effectiveness of local partnership responses to, extreme events, in the context of the recent flooding across the country. It will also be an opportunity to explore the relationship between local services and national agencies and government in both response and recovery. A key element of the discussion will be the sustainability of the current arrangements as services face budget pressures and in light of a growing awareness that extreme weather events are likely to become more common.</p> <p>Speakers: Cllr Kay Hammond, Chairman LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Associate Cabinet Member, Surrey County Council Paul Netherton, Local Resilience Forum Chair and Assistant Chief Constable for Devon & Cornwall Police Chair: Cllr John Edwards, Chairman, West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority</p>	Meyrick Suite
	<p>Low interest rates: you don't have to stay a victim (CCLA)</p> <p>Low interest rates and rising risks mean that conventional cash based Treasury portfolios are less helpful to your council and community. But you don't have to sit and take it, there are strategies which will dramatically improve your income and can also protect against inflation. There is no time like the present for making things better. This fringe meeting will be led by CCLA's Mark Davies and John Kelly. CCLA Investment Management Limited has managed local authority and charitable funds for over 50 years and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. They presently have 270 local authority clients and growing.</p>	Purbeck Bar
	<p>Cutting carbs: Managing the green economy in times of austerity (Mouchel and Bournemouth Borough Council)</p> <p>Want to know how to make savings, generate revenue and grow your economy? Local government has a key role to play in shaping how towns and cities across the country respond to both the challenges and opportunities presented by carbon management, going beyond simply reducing carbon emissions. The opportunities to introduce greener ways of working in local government are vast, be it from street lighting, transportation, or community energy centres. The opportunities for other organisations, be they public, private or voluntary sector, are even bigger – what role can local government and its partners play to realise this opportunity?</p> <p>At this event, hosted by the Mouchel and Bournemouth Borough Council partnership, we will be inviting you to participate in an innovative and interactive café-style process, discussing and collaborating with other delegates to identify the role that local government could play in maximising the benefits from carbon management. You will leave with a greater understanding of how your organisation, along with your partners and supply chain, can push the carbon management agenda forwards and achieve</p>	WestBeach Bar and Restaurant, Pier Approach, Bournemouth, BH2 5AA – 2 minutes' walk to the BIC

	<p>environmental and financial sustainability for your residents and businesses.</p> <p>The event will be attended by members of Mouchel and Bournemouth Borough Council's 'Carbon Management Centre' (www.mouchel.com/cmc), all of whom are experts in the field of carbon management, and who will bring their expertise to the table. We are also pleased to have Bournemouth's Leader, Councillor John Beesley, speaking at the event.</p> <p>The session will take place at the award-winning WestBeach restaurant, overlooking Bournemouth's famous beach. Breakfast will be provided, and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you there.</p>	
9.00-10.00	<p>Breakout sessions</p> <p>W1) Councils and the motorist – do we have a future together? The government is predicting that traffic on our roads will increase by over nearly half as much again by 2040. Road maintenance funding is already a half a billion pounds short of what is required every year. Where will these cars park? How will business deliveries be made? Are we grinding to a halt? Councils must have the powers to deal with transport as a whole in order to make the road system fit for purpose and to facilitate the traffic that is tied to roads by managing it properly and by diverting other journeys to other modes.</p> <p>Speakers: Paul Watters, Head of Public Affairs and Road and Transport Policy, The AA Cllr Jason Kitcat, Leader, Brighton and Hove Council Chris Snelling, Head of Urban Logistics and Regional Policy, Freight Transport Association</p>	Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite 2
	<p>W2) Hidden Talents, helping every young person to learn or earn Councils are ambitious for their young people and have proven best able to help their youngsters stay in learning or find a job, but budget reductions and the increasing centralisation of schemes to help young people has hampered the local effort. This session will provide an opportunity to discuss what councils are doing to help young people, the future role for councils in supporting youngsters to drive and benefit from local growth, and how wider reform and devolution of services can enable councils to better help future generations.</p> <p>Speakers Rushanara Ali MP, Shadow Education Minister Pat Ritchie, Chief Executive, Newcastle City Council Others to be confirmed</p>	Purbeck Lounge

	<p>W3) Connecting Communities Councils are leading the superfast broadband roll out up and down the country. Fast and reliable broadband is a vital enabler of economic growth, providing the infrastructure that means councils, businesses and communities can benefit from being online. It is also central to wider public service transformation with an increasing number of services, including Universal Credit, mainly accessed online. However, with 11 million people lacking basic digital skills, councils are also at the forefront of supporting people to get online. This session will explore how councils are working with Broadband Delivery UK to roll out superfast broadband and share innovative approaches to increasing digital capability.</p> <p>Speaker: Chris Townsend, Chief Executive, Broadband Delivery UK</p>	Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite 1
	<p>W4) How do we make health everybody's business? The conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age impact on the health of the nation. The hard truth is that unless everyone makes health their business as a nation we will not be able to afford to treat an increasingly frail, older and sick population.</p> <p>Preventing illness and empowering people to stay well is not something health and care professionals can do alone; broader action from across all sections of the community is required. To ensure people receive the right support at the right time, we must continue to align services and ensure our finite resources are targeted in the most effective way.</p> <p>Delegates will hear how we develop a culture in which health is at the core of integrated planning and services, in which all parts of the community understand how they can contribute to better health outcomes. It's easy to say that health is everybody's business, but how do you go about doing something about it? The aim of this session is to examine how the work of health, police, fire and community groups can have a positive impact on people's health and wellbeing and how the redesign of public services and a shared ambition to improve the health of our communities can help.</p> <p>Chair: Lord Victor Adebawale, Chief Executive, Turning Point Speakers: Dr Charles Alessi, Chairman, NHS Clinical Commissioners and practising GP Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health, Wiltshire County Council Phil Garrigan, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Mersey Fire Simon Hayes, Police and Crime Commissioner, Hampshire</p>	Solent Hall
	<p>W5) The National Procurement Strategy for Local Government: Your role in its success (sponsored by Royal British Legion Industries) Local communities and taxpayers depend on councils to commission essential public services and to commercially manage</p>	Bayview 1

	<p>suppliers, but is procurement's seen as a strategic service within your organisation?</p> <p>Commitment from the top in each council (from both the executive and senior managers) is key to achieving savings and realising community benefits through our capital and revenue spend. This session will launch the new national procurement strategy for local government and delegates will hear what they should do to support procurement excellence in their councils and in the local government sector.</p> <p>Speakers: Clive Betts MP, DCLG select committee on local government procurement Martin Reeves, Coventry City Council and Chief Executive sponsor of the National Advisory Group for Local Government Procurement Chair: Jonathan Shaw, Associate, Royal British Legion Industries</p>	
	<p>W6) Garden Cities – the what and the why Do garden cities present an answer to the challenge of meeting increasing pressure on housing supply? New settlements could provide the opportunity and the economies of scale to fulfil deliver housing at scale in a sustainable way. New communities also offer a powerful prospect to put people at the heart of developing new communities and owning community assets. This session will explore the potential of garden cities and the barriers and opportunities they present.</p> <p>Speakers: Hugh Ellis, Head of Policy, Town and Country Planning Association Cllr John Burden, Leader, Gravesham Borough Council</p>	Bayview 2
10.00-10.45	Refreshments	Purbeck and Tregonwell Halls Bourne Lounge
10.45-11.15	Conference plenary – political spokesperson Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP , Secretary of State for Work and Pensions	Windsor Hall
11.15-11.45	Conference plenary – political spokesperson Speaker to be confirmed	Windsor Hall
11.45-12.30	Conference plenary - The case for deeper devolution Traditionally, devolution from Whitehall has been shaped by ring-fenced budgets and prescribed policy solutions which fail to deal effectively with the complexity of life at a local level. With the development of city regions, combined authorities and groupings of councils, English local government is reshaping itself to ensure that our cities and towns can meet the challenges of the future and are places where our residents can thrive. Our call for devolution is backed by business leaders and is increasingly gaining recognition	Windsor Hall

	<p>from national politicians as the way forward.</p> <p>Join us for this session which will bring together perspectives from national, local and business leaders on the case for deeper devolution in England and what it can deliver for UK Plc.</p> <p>Speakers: Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Sir John Peace, Chair, Peace Commission Cllr Sir Richard Leese, Leader, Manchester City Council and Chair, City Regions Board, LGA Chair: Cllr David Hodge, Leader, Surrey County Council and Chair, People and Places Board, LGA</p>	
12.30-1.00	<p>Conference plenary – Political Spokesperson Senior Cabinet Spokesperson confirmed</p>	Windsor Hall
1.00-2.30	<p>LG Challenge reception</p>	Bayview 2
1.00-2.30	<p>Lunch and political group and officer meetings</p> <p>LGA Conservative Group LGA Labour Group LGA Liberal Democrat Group LGA Independent Group – Building localities Chief Executives meeting - Financial Sustainability: how an authority might fail and how it can be avoided A confidential session for Chief Executives to discuss the LGA's financial offer for local authorities in the context of the overall sector led improvement work programme.</p>	<p>Various incl Bourne Lounge Windsor Hall Solent Hall Meyrick Suite Bayview Room 1 Purbeck Lounge</p>
2.30	<p>Close of conference</p>	