

## LGA Special Interest Groups

### 2014 Annual Report to LGA Leadership Board

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#### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

[Note: Only LGA member authorities are entitled to SIG membership]

Membership of the CCIN is currently made up of the following 22 authorities:

Bassetlaw District Council  
Cardiff Council  
London Borough of Croydon  
Edinburgh City Council  
Glasgow City Council  
London Borough of Islington  
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council  
London Borough of Lambeth  
Liverpool City Council  
Newcastle Under Lyme Council  
Newcastle Upon Tyne Council  
Norwich City Council  
Oldham Council  
Plymouth City Council

Rochdale Council  
Salford City Council  
Sandwell Council  
Southampton City Council  
Stevenage District Council  
Sunderland City Council  
Telford and Wrekin Council  
York City Council

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

**The CCIN's Terms of Reference is embedded below:**



Terms of  
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#### **KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:**

The Co-operative Councils Innovation Network will frame the debate on the future of sustainable solutions to public sector challenges. Our work will ultimately improve outcomes for communities by enabling members to develop radical innovation in policy and practice, sharing best practice and learning, and enabling innovators to chart new territory together.

We provide a national voice for cooperative councils, informed by real experience and practice, with the aim of drawing on, influencing and framing national policy and political debates about the future of public services, local democracy, and communities across the country.

We are a network of local authorities who are committed to reforming the way we work through building an equal partnership with local people.

The network is open to all UK councils regardless of political affiliation who can demonstrate innovation and a willingness to drive forward the cooperative council agenda. We also welcome affiliate members from professional bodies, policy groups and other associations.

We work together to learn, share and develop innovative new approaches to turning co-operative principles into local practice that makes a tangible difference across our communities.

We are more than a policy exchange or think tank. We are an active network of councils delivering on the ground across many UK towns and cities.

## KEY ACTIVITIES/OUTCOMES OF WORK UNDERTAKEN

Since the CCIN's launch in July 2013 the Network has:

### **Contributed to the Local Government Innovation Taskforce –**

The CCIN's submission to the Local Government Innovation Taskforce concentrates on how to create a healthy, responsive, democratic system and a new approach to public services that breaks out of service silos and genuinely puts people first. Our proposals can be found in the paper embedded below:



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### **Held a focussed workshop on the benefits of mutualisation facilitated by the Cabinet Office –**

This was a practical session with input from a range of speakers enabling delegates to:

- Discuss the Government's mutualisation agenda and support available from the Cabinet Office mutual team.
- Hear tangible examples and share experiences from Co-operative Councils receiving Cabinet Office support and/or considering mutualisation.
- Discuss the Community Right to Challenge and issues/opportunities in respect of mutualisation.

### **Held three Network meetings in Sunderland, Lambeth and Plymouth –**

- The Sunderland meeting focused on member development and the co-production of services. The workshops focused on:
  1. Area decentralisation, responsive services....a framework for co-production with our communities.
  2. Effective Internal Co-production: Practical Member - Officer Partnerships.
  3. New solutions to Old Problems: Promoting Co-production in New Models of Service Delivery.
- The Lambeth meeting focused on co-operative commissioning. The discussion focused on a sharing of ideas, practice and learning about

neighbourhood working from other coop councils:

- The Plymouth meeting was to demonstrate how Councils have taken co-operative principles and created new models that are starting to deliver improved outcomes on the ground.

The aims of the workshops were to discuss and challenge the success of these innovations, examine the broader strategic and policy developments that will allow/restrict these areas to develop further and to encourage and nurture collaborations across the network around the broader co-operative agenda. The workshops focused on:

1. Co-operative Energy
2. Co-operative Economies
3. Co-operative approaches to pay day lending and financial inclusion
4. Co-operative learning approaches

The work programme of the CCIN for 2014/15 is embedded below:



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