

Tuesday 4 – Thursday 6 July 2017, ICC Birmingham

Draft conference programme (draft programme template for information only)

Tuesday 4 July		Venue	
9.00-10.00	Registration, exhibition viewing and refreshments		
10.00-11.30	<b>Political Group meetings and chief executives' session</b>		
	<b>LGA Conservative Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Labour Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Independent Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Liberal Democrat Group meeting</b>		
	<b>Chief Executives' session</b>		
11.45-12.30	<b>General Assembly formal business</b>		
12.30	DCN Executive Meeting		
12.30-2.00	Lunch, exhibition viewing and networking		
2.00-2.05	<b>Conference opening and welcome</b> Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive, Local Government Association		
2.05-2.10	<b>Welcome to Birmingham</b>		
2.10-2.25	<b>Keynote speech by the Chairman of the Local Government Association</b> Chair: <b>Lord Porter of Spalding CBE</b> , Chairman, Local Government Association		
2.25-2.55	<b>Conference plenary 1 – political</b>		
2.55-4.00	<b>Conference plenary 2</b>		
4.00-4.45	Refreshments, exhibition viewing and networking		
4.45-5.45	<b>Workshop sessions x 6</b>		
5.45-6.30	<b>Drinks reception</b>		
6.00-7.00	<b>DCN Assembly</b> followed by drinks reception		
6.30	<b>Fringe meetings</b>		
7.30	<b>LGA Independent Group dinner</b> <i>NB: other LGA political group and local authority chief executives' dinners take place on Wednesday</i>		

<b>Wednesday 5 July</b>			
08.15-09.15	<b>Fringe sessions</b>		
09.30-10.00	<b>Conference plenary 3 - political</b>		
10.00-11.00	<b>Conference plenary 4</b>		
11.00-11.45	Refreshments, exhibition viewing and networking		
11.45-12.45	<b>Workshop sessions x 6</b>		
12.45-2.00	Lunch and networking		
2.00-3.00	<b>Political Group meetings and chief executives' session</b>		
	<b>LGA Conservative Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Labour Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Independent Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Liberal Democrat Group meeting</b>		
	<b>Chief Executives' session</b>		
3.10-4.10	<b>Parallel plenary sessions x 2</b>		
	<b>Parallel plenary session 1</b>		
	<b>Parallel plenary session 2</b>		
4.10-4.45	Refreshments, exhibition viewing and networking		
4.45-5.45	<b>Conference plenary 5</b>		
5.45-7.00	<b>Fringe meetings</b>		
7.00	Chief Executives' drinks reception and dinner		
7.30	Conservative Group dinner		
	Labour Group dinner		
	Liberal Democrat Group dinner		
<b>Thursday 6 July</b>			
08.15-09.15	<b>Early bird sessions</b>		
09.30-10.30	<b>Parallel plenary sessions (x 2)</b>		
	<b>Parallel plenary session 1</b>		
	<b>Parallel plenary session 2</b>		
10.30-11.15	Refreshments, exhibition viewing and networking		
11.15-11.45	<b>Conference plenary 6 - political</b>		

11.50- 12.50	<b>Political Group and Chief Executives' sessions</b>		
	<b>LGA Conservative Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Labour Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Independent Group meeting</b>		
	<b>LGA Liberal Democrat Group meeting</b>		
	<b>Chief Executives' session</b>		
1.00- 1.30	<b>Conference plenary 7 - political</b>		
1.30	Close of conference with lunch		



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Welcome to the dedicated website for the LGA's 2017 Annual Conference and Exhibition. Here you will find all you need to know about the biggest event in the local government calendar. It also is one of the most well-attended political conferences of the year, regularly attracting over 1,300 delegates.

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### Cost to attend

LGA member: £545 + VAT

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The 2016 conference webcasts, handbook and presentations are available.

This event is essential for Council Leaders and Chief Executives, senior officers, lead members and policy makers across all services provided by local authorities. The conference regularly attracts high numbers from our partners across the wider public sector, the private and voluntary sectors.

Alongside speeches by politicians from across the spectrum; speakers at the 2016 conference included:

- **Sir James Bevan**, Environment Agency Chief Executive
- **Billy Bragg**, Songwriter and Author
- **Natalie Elphicke OBE**, The Housing and Finance Institute Chief Executive
- **Helen Ball**, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Metropolitan Police
- **Cathy Newman**, Journalist and TV Presenter
- **Dr Ann Limb CBE DL**, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership Chair
- The Orpheus Centre Trust with **Sir Richard Stilgoe**
- **Simon Weston CBE**, Falklands Veteran

Running alongside the main conference programme, the Innovation Zone allowed delegates to take part in a mixture of exciting, inspirational and interactive sessions on political leadership, commercialisation, digitalisation, community action and joint working.

The conference remains of vital importance to anyone working in, or wishing to work with, the local government sector.

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It is early days in organising the 2017 Innovation Zone but to include the latest and most exciting examples of council innovation from across the country in 2017 we need your input. The themes for the 2016 Zone were:

- **Leadership** – how do leaders drive innovation? We'll be looking at other sectors as well as political leadership to find the best ways to create a culture of innovation in your organisation.
- **Integration of services** – sometimes, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. How can linking up your services lead to better outcomes, eg around health?
- **Digitalisation** - a lot of councils are doing good things with digital, while some are doing even better – what is your council doing to step up to the next level?
- **Collaboration** – councils can't do it all, but they can do ever better things working with others. We've got for example councils sharing data, knowledge, expertise and resources with others to create better insights, support transformation and improve services and outcomes.
- **Tools of innovation** – is your council ready for the future? Find out what tools you can use, from behavioural insights to skills for your future workforce, to enable the innovation you'll need as the shape of local government changes.

We will update this webpage as the Innovation Zone programme develops.

We also promote examples from our innovation database every Tuesday to raise awareness of local government innovation. We do this through @LGComms on Twitter, using the hashtag #InnovateTuesday, so do get involved that way as well.

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