

11 FEBRUARY 2019

SPRING CONFERENCE

09.00 – 10.00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Plenary session: Conference opening and strategic plan</p> <p>Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)</p> <p>Justin Griggs, head of policy and communications at NALC</p> <p>Brian Brookes, risk manager at BHIB</p>
10:15 – 10:45	<p>Plenary session: Standards in the local council sector</p> <p>Jane Ramsey, member of the Committee on Standards in Public Life</p>
10:45 – 11:15	<p>Plenary session: Local councils and rural isolation</p> <p>Tracey Crouch, Conservative MP for Chatham and Aylesford</p>
11.15 – 11.45	Break
11.45 – 12.30	<p>Plenary session: Resilient Audit</p> <p>Lizzie Peers, non-executive director at Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments</p>
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch
13.15 – 14.15	<p>Workshop A: Community benefit from development</p> <p>The workshop will focus on how developers can work more closely with local councils through the neighbourhood planning process to maximise community benefit from development.</p> <p>Alasdair Buckle, planner at Nexus Planning</p> <p>Andrew Taylor, director - head of planning at Countryside Properties</p> <p>Joseph Whelan, town clerk at Hertford Town Council</p>

Workshop B: How can we improve engagement with young people?

What happens if we work in partnership with younger residents? With principal authorities cutting funding for youth work, what are the opportunities for local councils to think differently about facilities for young people?

Cllr Chris Wilmore, Yate Town Council

Lori Ramsay, community projects manager at Yate Town Council

Workshop C: Local government communications

Learn how local councils can better communicate with their residents around local government finance and service delivery.

Cllr Ken Eastwood, chairman of Oxenhope Parish Council

Cathy Tibbles, parish manager at Whitwick Parish Council

Workshop D: Community engagement

Have you got what it takes to be a community champion? The Company of Community Organisers is dedicated to developing leadership skills and is now training councillors to help lead their communities.

Jon Cousins, community organiser and Alex Neale, development officer at the Company of Community Organisers (COLtd)

14.15 – 15.15

Workshop A: Community benefit from development

Workshop E: Super Councils' Network

Session aimed at NALC's Super Councils' Network to learn helpful tips on how to provide a unique health and wellbeing offer, and good practice from Frome Town Council – (open to all delegates).

Paul Wynne, town clerk at Frome Town Council

Workshop C: Local government communications

Workshop F: Star Council Awards spotlight

Hear from NALC's Star Council Awards 2018, Council of the Year and Councillor of the Year winners, and take away practical tips for your own councils.

Chris Shaw, town clerk and Lesley Moore, events co-ordinator at Northwich Town Council

Cllr Nick Penny, Coleford Town Council

15:15 – 16:15

Plenary session: Working together to support communities

Jessica Studdart, deputy director at New Local Government Network

Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Warwickshire Council Council

Cllr John Fuller, leader of South Norfolk Council

16.15 – 16.30

Plenary session: Conference closing

Chairman of NALC Larger Councils' Committee

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