

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A 21ST CENTURY COUNCILLOR AND CLERK?

A fringe session at the LGA Conference on Tuesday 7 July 2026 between 18.15 and 19.05 in the Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suites, Bournemouth International Centre.

What will tomorrow's parish and town councillors and clerks need to thrive in a changing local government landscape?

As local government changes and the roles of councillors and clerks evolve, understanding the pressures they face and the opportunities ahead has never been more important.

This interactive fringe session will feature the launch of a groundbreaking new report by the National Association of Local Councils, the Association of Democratic Services Officers, the Society of Local Council Clerks and the University of Birmingham, showcasing the latest 21st Century Councillor and Clerk research.

The report offers fresh, evidence-based insight into how these vital roles are changing and what support is needed to help them succeed in an increasingly complex landscape. Expect a lively, thought-provoking discussion and the chance to share your own perspectives.

Join us for drinks and canapés to continue the conversation with our expert panel.

The panel:

- Charlotte Eisenhart, chief executive officer of the Association of Democratic Service Officers
- Martin George, acting editor of the Local Government Chronicle
- Adam Keppel-Green, chair of the Society of Local Council Clerks
- Catherine Needham, professor of public policy and public management at the University of Birmingham



Oswestry Town Council: If we don't do it, who will?

An Innovation Zone session on Stage 2 at the LGA
Conference on 7 July 2025 between 14.15 and 15.00

Join this insightful session exploring how NALC's Star Council Awards 2025/26 Council of the Year winner, Oswestry Town Council in Shropshire, helped drive regeneration, economic vitality, and community transformation through projects including the restoration of a Grade I listed building, an empty property grant scheme, and innovative collaboration. The session will examine the opportunities and challenges of working with principal authorities, provide insight into devolution from the parish and town council perspective, and showcase what creating a better community means in practice through partnerships, income generation, and future-focused planning.



Town centre regeneration



Restoring a Grade I listed building



Empty property grant scheme



Partnership working in practice



Economic vitality and local growth



Parish councils and devolution



Income generation and future planning



Practical insights and lessons learned



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