

# POWER SHIFT:

## STRONGER PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS IN THE AGE OF DEVOLUTION AND REORGANISATION

**A fringe session at the LGA Conference on 2 July 2025  
between 17.15 and 18.15 in Hall 1C, Arena and Convention  
Centre Liverpool.**

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Join the National Association of Local Councils at this must-attend fringe event to explore the vital role of parish and town councils in devolution and the future of local government. With the English Devolution White Paper and local government reorganisation presenting new opportunities and challenges, this session will examine how communities can be at the heart of decision-making, place shaping, and service delivery.

Community-level councils are uniquely placed to deliver services, drive engagement, and champion grassroots participation. As devolution evolves, their potential to support growth, enhance accountability, and offer tailored solutions for communities must not be overlooked. Yet a reset of local relationships is vital for effective partnerships.

This timely panel discussion will feature key voices from central and local government, as well as the community sector, offering insights into partnerships and practical steps to empower communities. Attendees will hear from sector leaders and case studies on innovative approaches to devolution and relationship-building.

Join us for drinks and canapés to discuss these questions and more in a dynamic session with our expert panel.

Speakers include Alex Norris MP, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Cllr Louise Gittins, the chair of the Local Government Association and Sally Longmate, the chief executive officer at Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The event is hosted by Paul Marinko, deputy editor at The Municipal Journal.



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# Falmouth Town Council: The changing role of parish and town councils through unitary creation

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An Innovation Zone session on IZ Stage 3 at the LGA Conference on 2 July 2025 between 16:30 - 17:00.

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Join this insightful session exploring how the Star Council Awards Council of the Year, Climate Response of the Year and Clerk of the Year finalists Falmouth Town Council successfully navigated organisational change following the shift to a unitary authority. Discover the strategies they employed, the lessons learned, and how partnership delivery mechanisms have strengthened local service provision. This session offers valuable takeaways for councils undergoing or anticipating local government reform.

- ★ Award finalist
- 🔄 Adapting to a unitary authority
- 📖 Valuable takeaways
- 🏠 Local service delivery
- 🏛️ Organisational transformation
- 🧭 Strategic direction
- 🤝 Partnership delivery mechanisms
- 💬 Networking