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09:00 – 10:00	Registration Exhibition and refreshments	Foyer Galleon C
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome Cllr Kevin Wilson, chair of NALC Larger Councils' Committee	Galleon A and B
10:10 – 10:40	Plenary Session 1 Professor Jane Wills, Queen Mary University (Chair: Cllr Sue Baxter)	Galleon A and B
10:40 – 11:10	Plenary Session 2 The impact of referendum principles (Chair: Cllr Richard Parry)	Galleon A and B
11:10 – 11:40	Exhibition and refreshments	Galleon C
11:40 – 12:10	Plenary Session 3 Teresa Pearce MP, shadow secretary of state, DCLG (chair: Cllr Kevin Wilson)	Galleon A and B
12:10 – 12:30	Hustings for elections to the Larger Councils' Committee (Chair: Cllr Paul Harvey)	Galleon A and B
12:30 – 13:40	Lunch and exhibition	Galleon C
13:40 – 14:35	Workshop A – Diversity and equality (chair: Jane Moore, NALC) Paul Sesay, The Diversity Group Helen Rankin, Local Government Association	Meeting room 1 (south building)
	Workshop B – Super Councils' Network (SCN) (Chair: Cllr Candy Atherton) Open networking session Introduction from Lord Gary Porter	Galleon Suite B
	Workshop C – Local government finance (Chair: Cllr Sue Baxter) Derek Kemp, National audit and accounts advisor Howard Midworth, SAAA	Galleon Suite A
	Workshop D – Devolution and working between the tiers (Chair: Paul Shevlin, District Councils' Network) Ian Day, Bradford Council Cllr Peter Allison, Wilsden Parish Council	Meeting room 2 (south building)
14:40 – 15:35	Repeat of workshops (Voting for Larger Councils' Committee ends at 15:00)	See above Galleon A and B
15:35 – 15:55	Exhibition and refreshments	Galleon C
15:55 – 16:30	Plenary session 4 Sanderson Jones, Sunday Assembly (chair: Cllr Kevin Wilson)	Galleon A and B
16:30 – 16:45	Election results, prize draw and closing remarks Cllr Kevin Wilson, chair of NALC Larger Councils' Committee	Galleon A and B
16:45 – 17:30	Drinks reception	Galleon C

SPEAKERS

Professor Jane Wills

Jane Wills is professor of Human Geography, Queen Mary University of London. Her research interests focus on the changing geo-political-economy of work, new forms of urban political alliances including community organising and living wage campaigns, and the politics and practice of localism in the UK. She has published widely including, Locating localism: Statecraft, citizenship and democracy; Global cities at work: New migrant divisions of labour; Geographies of Economies; and Union retreat and the regions.

Paul Sesay

Paul Sesay is the founder/ceo of The National Diversity Awards, The Excellence in Diversity Awards, The Diversity Group, The BEAM Awards and events company I Spoil U Media since 2006. Paul's business acumen has mainly been with a social focus. With over ten years worth of experience within the diversity, equality and inclusion sector, Paul has worked with some of the largest organisations in the world on their diversity and inclusion profiles.

Helen Rankin

Helen manages the LGA's Be a Councillor campaign, which works with local politicians, councils and political parties to increase the pool of candidates who stand for election. She's worked in local government for seven years and is passionate about all things local democracy and increasing democratic representation.

Lord Gary Porter

Lord Porter was first elected to South Holland District Council in a by-election in June 2001. He was re-elected in 2003 and elected Leader of South Holland at the Council's Annual Meeting that year. He was elected chairman of Local Government Association at the general assembly in June 2015 and was made a life peer in the 2015 dissolution peerages list.

Derek Kemp

Qualifying in 1969 Derek has specialized in council accounting since 1996. Highly experienced in advising local councils on various accounting matters, frequently attending council's for presentations to councillors. Respected on the circuit at seminars for clerks and councillors for accounting issues; Derek is now NALC National Accounts and Audit Adviser.

Howard Midworth

Formally the chief executive of the Society of Local Council Clerks, Howard is the General Manager of Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd, the sector led body appointed by DCLG as the 'specified person' to procure and appoint external auditors for smaller authorities for the period commencing from financial year 2017-18 and to perform the functions set out in legislation.

Ian Day

Born in Bradford in 1966. Ian spent most of childhood growing up in Kenya, East Africa before returning to Bradford to complete his education. Ian has worked for Bradford Council for the majority of his working life. Ian was appointed as assistant director of neighbourhood and customer services in March 2014. Ian is now the councils lead officer for local councils, attending the local council liaison meeting and acting as a champion within the organisation on support for local councils and the wider voluntary and community sector.

Cllr Peter Allison

First elected in June 2004 when Wilsden Parish Council was established. Council chair for four years, vice-chair for two years. Lived in the village for 29 years. Spokesman for all parish councils in the Bradford district. Member of the executive board of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

Paul Shevlin

Paul Shevlin is the chief executive of Craven District Council since 1 December 2008. He is now the vice-chairman of the District Council's Network, where he represents North Yorkshire districts on the national District Council Network.

Sanderson Jones

In 2008 Sanderson Jones left his job as an advertising salesman to become a stand up. In 2012 he sold out the Sydney Opera House. Incredibly, he did this by selling every single ticket to the show by hand. In January 2013 Sanderson, alongside comedian Pippa Evans, started up a non-religious church called the Sunday Assembly, it celebrated life through talks, comedy and songs. The concept went viral and there are now 28 assemblies across the world.

Teresa Pearce MP

Teresa Pearce MP was born in the north-west and moved to London with her family in the late 1960s. Before becoming an MP Teresa worked for the Inland Revenue and as a Senior Manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers specialising in tax investigations. Teresa was elected as the Labour MP for Erith and Thamesmead in May 2010.

EXHIBITORS

AON

Aon works with select insurance providers to arrange insurance for parish, town and local councils. Their industry-leading global resources, technical expertise and industry knowledge are delivered locally through more than 500 offices in more than 120 countries.

DCK Beavers

DCK Beavers has built a reputation as industry leaders in providing accounting solutions to local councils with a client base throughout England and Wales. Services provided include preparation of full outsourced accounting services, annual accounts, budgeting assistance, specialist advice on VAT and payroll, plus advice and feasibility work relating to capital projects.

Vision ICT

A family run business, based by the river in Exeter. With over a decade of experience in providing internet solutions of quality and a personal service to local councils and are now wanting to use this experience to support the SME sector. Their primary goal in any relationship is to provide services that give both value for money and that will enhance your business.

Healthmatic

Specialising in the provision of smarter public toilets, access control, and off-site active data. Their team of engineers and operatives deliver a comprehensive cleaning and maintenance service to the wide range of assets they support. They work with all tiers of local government and have contracts with over 160 public authorities with staff based across the UK and Ireland.

The Big Lunch

The Big Lunch is an initiative from the Eden Project, it's the UK's annual get-together for neighbours to share a meal and get to know each other, building social capital and community resilience nationwide. Over 7m people took part this year, across 90,000 events.

Zurich Municipal

One of the world's largest insurance groups, and one of the few to operate on a truly global basis. Their mission is to help their customers understand and protect themselves from risk. With about 55,000 employees serving customers in more than 170 countries, they aspire to become the best global insurer as measured by their shareholders, customers and employees.

Playforce and Burleys

Part of TCL Group, Playforce and Burleys work closely with councils across the UK to develop and maintain outdoor spaces for local communities. With play areas from Playforce, grounds maintenance services from Burleys, and landscaping, winter maintenance and floral displays from their group colleagues, they've got it all covered.

CCLA

CCLA has managed local authority and charitable funds for 50 years. The Public Sector Deposit Fund – a simple, low risk solution for cash. The Local Authorities' Property Fund – increasing your income, diversifying your risk. CCLA Investment Management Limited and CCLA Fund Managers Limited are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Came and Company Local Council Insurance

Came and Co is a specialist in local council insurance. They ensure that good people doing the right thing for the benefit of their communities are properly insured. Offering proactive, professional and bespoke advice our comprehensive insurance solutions make meet the needs of this ever-changing sector.

WPS Insurance Brokers and Risk Services

WPS are the leading independent broker for town councils and their associated risks, they visit councils across England and Wales and their experienced team will ensure

you are not kept waiting when you need an answer. They aim to take the risk out of insurance and will always put your interests first at all times.

Local Community Solutions

Formed to provide consultancy support tailored towards local councils at prices they can afford. Their staff have many years' experience in this field and in local government generally. They have also chosen a number of associates with expertise in specialist areas. They offer a comprehensive range of services including; strategic and business planning, risk assessment, developing governance and much more!

Public Open Space

Public Open Space Limited is an external environment company that specialise in developing public open spaces and maximising their recreational potential. The company has over 20 years' experience working at a strategic level within this market sector and has considerable experience and expertise designing and delivering play and recreational facilities of all types.

Blachere Illumination

Their latest catalogue is full of even more new and exciting LED designs ideal for decorating your parish or town. They are the world's market leader for Christmas and decorative lighting. Their services include design, manufacture, installation, maintenance, dismantling, storage and one to five year hire schemes.

Improvement and Development

Information and help here for the Local Council Award Scheme, as well as how continuous professional development and training can help both councillors and clerks.