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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to this year's NALC Annual Conference. Now firmly established as the biggest and most high profile event in the local (parish and town) council sector.

A special thanks to everyone who has helped make this year's conference possible. Especially to all our speakers and the organisations in our expanded exhibition, including headline sponsors BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA.

This year our tier of local government marks 125 years of building stronger communities. I'm thrilled that we will be joined by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, in recognition of this landmark.

Throughout that time, just as our local places and needs have changed, so have local councils. They are growing in role, responsibilities and importance, and mobilising change to build stronger communities that are cohesive, healthy, safe, sustainable, and prosperous.

Over the next two days, our programme is designed to recognise and celebrate what you do, share information, learn from each other, and develop our knowledge and skills.

I'm confident local councils are well placed to help government, principal authorities and communities tackle the challenges the country faces. We are more relevant than ever to delivering public services and empowering and strengthening local communities.

Have a great conference, and I look forward to meeting you.

Cllr Sue Baxter  
Chairman of NALC



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## **A MESSAGE FROM BHIB COUNCILS INSURANCE**

BHIB Councils Insurance extends a warm welcome to all local councils, members and delegates to the NALC Annual Conference 2019. The next two days provides a valuable opportunity to discuss key policy issues, attend practical workshops on hot topics and find out more about products and services available to support your council. All while networking and sharing best practice to help build stronger communities.

BHIB Councils Insurance is part of BHIB Ltd who have been delivering expert insurance and risk management advice to a range of clients in several different sectors across the UK for over 50 years. We value traditional qualities that are as important to us as they are our clients and prospective clients. As a holder of the prestigious Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) Chartered Insurance Broker designation, you have the reassurance that when you deal with BHIB, you are dealing with proven and certified professionals.

We believe that to offer the best possible advice, and you have to understand a clients' needs thoroughly. We are proud to be partnered with NALC, working with them to understand the issues you face and make sure your interests are at the heart of all we do. Attending the Annual Conference gives us an excellent opportunity to listen to and understand the issues that matter to you and celebrate your achievements through the Star Council Awards.

Come and find out more about Protecting Your Community from Cybercrime at our workshop hosted by Andy Hall, head of Cyber Risk and Aaron Yates, chief executive officer of Berea.

Visit us on our stand to purchase one of our exclusive conference limited edition Cyber Risk Management Bundles or to find out more about our partnership with Parish Online, giving you a free Parish Online licence. The team and I will be ready and waiting and can't wait to chat with you.

We look forward to meeting you at the conference.

Michelle South  
Director of BHIB Councils Insurance

# DAY ONE

## PROGRAMME

<b>10.30 – 14.00</b>	Registration	Pre-function Area
<b>11.30 – 13.30</b>	Annual General Meeting	Ballroom
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	Lunch and networking	Exhibition Area
<b>14.00 – 14.25</b>	Conference opening — see page 9	Ballroom
<b>14.25 – 15.05</b>	Plenary session — see page 9	Ballroom
<b>15.05 – 15.35</b>	Break and networking	Exhibition Area
<b>15.35 – 16.35</b>	Workshop A: Investing in your community - how local councils are tackling austerity — see page 11	Enterprise
	Workshop B: Protecting your community from cybercrime — see page 12	Explorer
	Workshop C: Creating safer communities — see page 13	Voyager
	Workshop D: Making communities healthier — see page 14	Ballroom
	County Officer Forum	Discovery
<b>16.40 – 17.40</b>	Workshops repeated	
<b>17.40 – 19.15</b>	Break and networking	Exhibition Area
<b>19.15 – 19.30</b>	Welcome session for new councils (invite only)	
<b>19.30 – 20.00</b>	Drinks reception — see page 21 Sponsored by Milton Keynes Council	Exhibition Area
<b>20.00 – 22.00</b>	NALC Star Council Awards and dinner — see page 21	Ballroom

# DAY TWO

## PROGRAMME

<b>09.00 – 10:00</b>	Exhibition open and networking	Exhibition Area
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	Plenary session — see page 10	Ballroom
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	Break and networking	Exhibition Area
<b>11.15 – 12.10</b>	Workshop E: Strengthening rural communities — see page 15	Ballroom
	Workshop F: Empowering young people in your community — see page 16	Voyager
	Workshop G: Communicating effectively with your community — see page 17	Enterprise
	Workshop H: Fairer funding for communities — see page 18	Discovery
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<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	Plenary session — see page 10	Ballroom
<b>12.35 – 13.35</b>	Workshops repeated	
<b>13.35 – 14.35</b>	Lunch and networking	Exhibition Area
<b>14:35 – 15:35</b>	Panel session: climate change — see page 20	Ballroom
<b>15.35 – 15:40</b>	Conference closing and prize draw	Ballroom

**SESSIONS AND  
SPEAKERS**

# **DAY ONE: CONFERENCE OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION**

**28 October | 14.00 – 15.05 | Ballroom**

This session will focus on opening this year's conference and highlighting the 125 year anniversary of local (parish and town) councils. In addition, you will hear from the conference headline sponsor, BHIB Councils Insurance, and the mayor of Milton Keynes.

**Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of NALC**  
**@suejbaxter**

Cllr Baxter was elected as NALC's first female chairman in December 2016. She is also chairman of Wythall Parish Council in Worcestershire and an independent member of Bromsgrove District Council. She believes that local people understand the needs of their area best and by making decisions about the services they value, they can build stronger and thriving communities.

**Cllr Sam Crooks, mayor of Milton Keynes**  
**@ mayor\_mk**

Cllr Crooks was a parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Party in 1974 and 1979. He was also a candidate for the European Parliament in 1979. He was elected to Milton Keynes Borough Council in 1980. He was leader of the council from 1987 to 1991 and again between 1992 and 1993. He was again elected to Milton Keynes Council, serving as the leader from 2009 to 2010. While leader he led the successful bid for Milton Keynes to be included as one of the host cities for England's World Cup bid. Since 2014, he has chaired the council's Children and Young People Select Committee. In 2018, he was appointed deputy mayor.

**Michelle South, director of BHIB Councils Insurance**  
**@southm2**

Ms South is the director of BHIB Councils Insurance. Working in the insurance industry for 20 years for Aviva and Willis Towers Watson and recently announced as a finalist in the 2019 Women in Insurance Awards, Insurance Broker of the Year. She works closely with NALC and the local councils they serve to provide training, advice, insurance and risk management solutions and develop innovative collaborations to address councils' needs.

## **DAY TWO:**

# **PLENARY SESSION**

**29 October | 10.00 – 10.45 | Ballroom**

The new chairman of the Local Government Association (LGA) will talk about their #CouncilsCan campaign to influence the Queen's Speech and the Spending Review, how principal authorities can work with local councils to build stronger communities, and the LGA's ongoing work with NALC.

**Cllr James Jamieson, chairman of the Local Government Association**  
**@JGJamieson**

Cllr Jamieson was first elected to Central Bedfordshire Council in 2009 and served as a chair of Scrutiny. He was elected as leader in the 2011 elections and currently represents the Westoning Ward having previously represented Flitwick. He is a qualified engineer with a Masters degree from Sheffield University, and worked in industry and banking for over 20 years before setting up his own consultancy providing strategic advice to companies. He was elected as the chairman of the LGA in July 2019.

**Cllr Keith Stevens, vice-chairman (finance) of NALC**  
**@SussexSurreyALC**

Cllr Stevens retired from Coutts & Co in 2001 after 32 years service. He carried out a variety of roles in the bank but most of his time was spent specialising in taxation and medical finance. In 1991 he became a non-executive director of the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital. After retiring he worked for the Royal Household for a short time and then became a parish councillor.

**29 October | 12.15 – 12.30 | Ballroom**

NALC's chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, will provide a recap on the events of the first day of the conference and give a speech on the changing role of local councils.

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# **WORKSHOP A: INVESTING IN YOUR COMMUNITY — HOW LOCAL COUNCILS ARE TACKLING AUSTERITY**

**28 October | 15.35 – 16.35 and 16.40 – 17.40 | Enterprise**

Public Sector funding continues to decline. Local councils are having to find innovative ways of providing services with reducing budgets. The Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network was borne from this uncertainty — a direct response to delivering services differently, using the co-operative values and principles and involving our local communities. Hear examples from across the country for you to takeaway.

**CLlr Donna Fuller, deputy leader of Woughton Community Council**  
**@WoughtonCC**

CLlr Fuller has been a councillor for 20 years, her passion is communities and the people that live within them. She believes that local councils are best placed in the sector to represent them. When she isn't representing her council she is a wife, mum and nanny, which all adds up to a very busy life but she wouldn't have it any other way!

**Steve McNay, council manager at Woughton Community Council**  
**@WoughtonCC**

Mr McNay has been council manager since January 2018, having previously managed several charities across Milton Keynes. Having grown up in the parish, he is eager to see the community take more control and lead positive change at a time of uncertainty, building a more positive future and reducing negative perceptions.

**CLlr Sharon Taylor OBE, chair of the Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network and leader of Stevenage Borough Council**  
**@SharonStevenage**

CLlr Taylor OBE has been the leader of Stevenage Borough Council since 2006 and is a Hertfordshire county councillor. In 2017, she became chair of the Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network. She was the Local Government Innovation Unit's Council Leader of the Year in 2016/17. As well as standing for parliament three times, she is co-author of Labour's Local Government Innovation Task Force Report and she volunteers at Stevenage Community Food Bank.

**CLlr Susan Woodward, leader of Burntwood Town Council**  
**@Sue\_Woodward**

CLlr Woodward has been a parish, district and county councillor since 1993. She is opposition leader at Staffordshire County Council and leader of Burntwood Town Council. Active in her community, she is a school governor, church steward and trustee of a local charity supporting and promoting a local country park.

# **WORKSHOP B: PROTECTING YOUR COMMUNITY FROM CYBERCRIME**

**28 October | 15.35 – 16.35 and 16.40 – 17.40 | Explorer**

BHIB Councils Insurance will speak about the cybercrime age and what insurance solutions are available to protect local councils and their residents from these risks.

**Andy Hall, head of cyber risk specialist at BHIB Councils Insurance**  
**@AndyHallBHIB**

Mr Hall has worked in the insurance industry for 22 years and for the last three headed up the specialist cyber risks division at BHIB Councils Insurance. Working closely with clients and their IT teams Andy evaluates cyber security risks and recommends appropriate risk management and insurance solutions to ensure our clients have the right protection.

**Aaron Yates, chief executive officer at the Berea Group**  
**@aaron\_berea**

Mr Yates is the founder and chief executive officer at the Berea Group, a company which helps businesses to understand and address cybersecurity with a vision to make cybersecurity compliance simple. He has developed the new Cyber Risk Management bundle for local councils in collaboration with BHIB Councils Insurance and NALC.

## **WORKSHOP C:**

# **CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES**

**28 October | 15.35 – 16.35 and 16.40 – 17.40 | Voyager**

This workshop will give you practical tips that your council needs to keep its community safe. You will get advice on how to work in partnership with neighbourhood teams and police community support officers.

**Trevor Leggo, chief executive officer at the Sussex and Surrey Associations of Local Councils**  
**@TrevorLeggo**

Mr Leggo has been the chief executive of East Sussex, West Sussex & Surrey Association of Local Councils since 2004. Following a career in principal authorities, he took early retirement as an assistant chief executive becoming the town clerk of Arundel combining this activity with his county association role until 2006. In addition, he co-ordinates the work of SERCAF, a federation comprising the nine county associations in the South East, providing a cohesive grouping of those representing around 1,600 local councils.

**Mark Streater, chief executive, Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner**  
**@Mark\_Streater**

Born and educated in Sussex, Mr Streater went on to graduate from Portsmouth University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics, Public Sector Studies and Policing. He began his career in Sussex Police in 1982, undertaking a broad range of roles; including divisional commander, head of Special Branch and head of Specialist Operations. As divisional commander in West Sussex he implemented successful local policing models and initiatives to drive down crime and tackle anti-social behaviour. He was appointed as chief executive for the Office of Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner in May 2013.

## **WORKSHOP D:**

# **MAKING COMMUNITIES HEALTHIER**

**28 October | 15.35 – 16.35 and 16.40 – 17.40 | Ballroom**

This workshop will give you strategic insight and handy tips on the ways in which your local council can reduce loneliness in the community, making a difference to the health and wellbeing of your residents.

**Danielle Frost, health and wellbeing officer at the Essex Association of Local Councils**  
**@EALCnews**

Ms Frost grew up in Africa and the Middle East. She has lived in Great Dunmow for over 18 years, since moving from Norwich. She previously worked in the retail design industry — planning, designing and project managing the installations of kitchens. She became a councillor in Great Dunmow and then went on to become the mayor.

**Professor Paul Johnstone, regional director at the Public Health England**  
**@PHE\_uk**

Professor Johnstone is the regional director for Public Health England (North). Previously he was the cluster director of Public Health for NHS North of England and the regional director of Public Health for Yorkshire & the Humber. Since joining the NHS in 1983, he has worked as a hospital doctor, GP and as a manager.

**Sally Longmate, chief executive officer at the Suffolk Association of Local Councils**  
**@LongmateSally**

Ms Longmate is an accomplished and innovative officer with over 20 years experience in the public sector. Working collaboratively is one of Suffolk Association of Local Councils long-term priorities, recognising the role they play and the benefits partnership working brings to translating local and national strategies into opportunities.

**Ann Osborn, director of the Rural Coffee Caravan**  
**@Annie\_Osb**

Ms Osborn was a stay-at-home mum until 2004 when she started with the Rural Coffee Caravan. There was had one vehicle making 15 visits a year. Now she is a full-time director with five staff, three vehicles and an army of volunteers, making 200 visits each year. In 2018, she started MeetUpMonday, a network of free coffee mornings in pubs and cafes.

**Andrew Tubb, policy adviser at NALC and chief executive officer at Cirencester Town Council**  
**@CirenTC**

Mr Tubb has extensive principal authority and local council experience; currently working on part-time secondment with NALC contributing to key issues such as local government finance, devolution and loneliness. He is also the chief executive officer at Cirencester Town Council and has undertaken academic research on the fiscal challenges of building capacity and capabilities within local communities.

# **WORKSHOP E:**

## **STRENGTHENING RURAL COMMUNITIES**

**29 October | 11.15 – 12.10 | Ballroom**

This workshop will provide answers to the rural questions your local council might have. A highly experienced and senior panel on rural issues will give you the inside track on your countryside.

**Margaret Clark CBE, chair of the Rural Coalition**  
**@MClar2**

Ms Clark spent her career in government agencies responsible for rural policy and practice and chaired an international group on rural policy development. She is chair of the Plunkett Foundation and the Rural Coalition and, until recently, Hastoe Housing. She was awarded a CBE in the 2015 New Year's Honours List for services to rural communities.

**Sue Pritchard, director of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce and Food, Farming and Countryside Commission**  
**@suepritch**

Ms Pritchard is the director of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce Food, Farming and Countryside Commission. Her background is in leading large-scale change for more sustainable futures and has worked with governments and enterprises on the leadership and delivery of major and complex projects. She also runs an organic livestock farm in Wales with her family and volunteers.

**Crispin Truman, chief executive, Campaign to Protect Rural England**  
**@CrispinTruman**

Mr Truman is chief executive of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), the charity which works with over 20,000 members and local groups across the country to protect and enhance the countryside. He was previously chief executive of The Churches Conservation Trust, the UK charity protecting historic churches at risk. He was awarded an OBE for services to heritage and charitable foundations in January 2017.

# WORKSHOP F: EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**29 October | 11.15 – 12.10 and 12.35 – 13.35 | Voyager**

Is your local council forward-thinking and a passionate advocate for the youth? Does your local council want to get young people more involved in a democracy? This workshop will provide you with useful tips to help make your local council engage and empower young people in the community.

**Jason Arthur, director of strategy and communications at Step Up to Serve**  
**@jason\_arthur**

Mr Arthur served as cabinet member for Finance and Health for Haringey Council from 2014 to 2018. His professional background is in the education sector, having worked as teacher in London.

**Amanda Chetwynd-Cowieson, chair of the British Youth Council**  
**@bycChair**

Ms Chetwynd-Cowieson is the chair of the British Youth Council (BYC) which is the national youth voice charity for the UK. BYC envisages a world in which every young person is empowered to create social and political change. She has previously chaired the Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union trustee board and a former member of the board of directors for the National Union of Students.

**Rachael Farrington, founder of Voting Counts**  
**@VotingCountsUK**

Ms Farrington set up Voting Counts aged 17 after her friend said she wasn't going to vote. The website has grown over the past six years, reaching potential voters and encouraging them to use their vote. Voting Counts has been featured in the national media, and been the recipient of awards from the UK Parliament and Cabinet Office.

**Cllr Sam Foulder-Hughes, Kingston Council**  
**@SamF\_H**

Cllr Foulder-Hughes is the youngest councillor on Kingston-Upon-Thames Borough Council. Before becoming a councillor, he worked as a learning support assistant and served on the board of the British Youth Council.

**Kayleigh Wainwright, head of membership & policy at UK Youth**  
**@k\_wainwright**

Ms Wainwright has 15 years experience in the youth sector, supporting young people and communities to have a voice on issues that matter to them. She started her journey as a participant in her local youth club and now leads the UK Youth strategy for youth advocacy, supporting young people to have their voices heard in decision making processes at a local, national and international level.

# **WORKSHOP G: COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**

**29 October | 11.15 – 12.10 and 12.35 – 13.35 | Enterprise**

In this workshop, you will learn some quick tips from one of NALC's Super Councils, Salisbury City Council, about how to communicate effectively to your residents and with the principal authorities in your area.

**Annie Child, clerk at Salisbury City Council**  
**@anniechild1**

Ms Child has worked in local government for over 15 years in the principal and parish sector. She is currently clerk to Salisbury City Council. She says it's the variety of the challenge and the connection to the community that keeps the job interesting.

**Cllr Amanda Foster, Salisbury City Council**  
**@SalisburyCC**

Cllr Foster is a newly elected councillor for Salisbury — St Edmund & Milford Ward. She is also director of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and believes that her city has a lot to offer both residents and businesses alike, which is why she stood for elections. In addition, she is also the development officer at Wiltshire Council.

## **WORKSHOP H:**

# **FAIRER FUNDING FOR COMMUNITIES**

**29 October | 11.15 – 12.10 and 12.35 – 13.35 | Discovery**

This workshop frames what NALC included in its response to the Comprehensive Spending Review in Summer 2019, and what the panellists think the implications will be for local councils and wider local government.

**Chris Borg, policy and development manager at NALC**  
**@NALC**

Mr Borg is the policy and development manager at NALC. He has been with NALC since 2006 and manages policy and events. He is a Fellow of the Society of Local Council Clerk and an associate member of the Chartered Management Institute with Bachelor of Arts in History and Community Engagement, and a Masters in Politics.

**Linda Larter, chief executive officer and town clerk at Sevenoaks Town Council**  
**@SevenoaksTC**

Ms Larter has been a town clerk for over 25 years working with councils varying in population sizes from 250 to 70,000 plus. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Local Council Management. In 2000 the Millennium Commission nominated her for an MBE for a community centre project. She is also currently the president of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

**Aivaras Statkevičius, senior adviser at the Local Government Association**  
**@AStatkevicius**

Mr Statkevičius is a senior adviser in the Local Government Association (LGA) local government finance policy team. He has been working in local government finance since 2010, and joined the LGA in 2013. His specialisms include work on spending reviews, budgets, the government's Fair Funding Review and helping LGA develop service-specific finance policy.

# **WORKSHOP I: CONNECTING YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

**29 October | 11.15 – 12.10 and 12.35 – 13.35 | Explorer**

Come and hear from the Transport Planning Society about how it thinks local councils can best help strengthen integrated transport in their areas. Find out how to engage with local transport organisations and get the best for your residents.

**Andrew Dennison, board member at the Transport Planning Society  
@TransPlanSoc**

Mr Dennison is proprietor of 'Highway Access Solutions', an independent private-sector transport planning consultancy. He also sits on the national board of the Transport Planning Society. He has over a decade of experience working on schemes of all types and sizes, and his specialties include small-scale residential proposals within established neighbourhoods.

**Nick Perrins, policy manager at Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council  
@BCPCouncil**

Mr Perrins is the policy manager at Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council where he is responsible for planning and transport policy. He is a chartered town planner and the Royal Town Planning Institutes representative on the Transport Planning Society board. He has extensive experience in planning and transport practice working with wide range of organisations over the years including local councils and neighbourhood forums.

## **PANEL SESSION: CLIMATE CHANGE**

**29 October | 14.35 – 15.35 | Ballroom**

The effects of climate change will have a disastrous impact on our planet. Losing of wildlife species, increasing in sea level, changes in rainfall patterns, heat waves, stronger storms, wildfires and the shrinking of arctic ice. This panel session will give local councils some practical advice on how we can all tackle climate change locally and give key insights into issues facing the sector.

**Tony Grayling, director of Sustainable Business and Development at the Environment Agency  
@EnvAgency**

Mr Grayling leads the Environment Agency's work on cross-cutting issues including climate change, sustainable communities and land use planning. He is currently leading work on unconventional oil and gas. He was previously a special adviser to David Miliband and Hilary Benn at DEFRA, helping to design the UK's Climate Change Act 2008.

**Cllr Susanna Rustin, Queen's Park Community Council and leader writer at the Guardian  
@SusannaRustin**

Cllr Rustin is a journalist at the Guardian. Currently on the opinion desk, she has also been a feature writer and deputy editor of the Saturday Review. She helped set up London's only parish council in Queen's Park Community Council.

**Suzanne Jeffery, chair of the Campaign against Climate Change  
@campaigncc**

As well as chair of the Campaign against Climate Change (CCC), she is the chair of the CCC Trade Union Group (CACCTU).

**Chaitanya Kumar, senior policy advisor at the Green Alliance  
@chaitanyakumar**

Chaitanya Kumar works as a senior policy adviser for Green Alliance, a think tank and charity working on shaping UK's energy and environmental policy. His work involves policy analysis, coalition building and political advocacy to influence the powers that be to address the twin challenges of environmental degradation and climate change. Before Green Alliance, Chaitanya worked as the South Asia campaigns leader with 350.org. He has an MSc in energy policy and sustainability from Sussex University.

**Cllr Paul Woodhead, Cannock Chase District Council  
@paulewoodhead**

A chartered environmentalist working in the environmental industry for 30 years. He serves as a chairman to his local council, a district councillor and treasurer of the Local Government Association Independent Group. He is also the chair of the Association of Green Councillors and policy development coordinator on the national executive of the Green Party.

# **STAR COUNCIL AWARDS, DINNER AND DRINKS RECEPTION\***

**28 October | 19.30 – 23.00 | Ballroom**

NALC's annual awards celebrate the positive impact local councils, councillors and county associations make to their communities, recognising the achievements of the local council sector. The awards will be the benchmark for good practice and excellence and the ultimate accolade for councils, councillors, county associations and clerks across England.

\*The drinks reception (sponsored by Milton Keynes Council) will be held in the Exhibition Area from 19.30 and the awards dinner will start at 20.00

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**Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire**

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher KCVO Bt JP lives and works in Buckinghamshire. He is director of a range of companies involved in rural economic activity including farming, property management, a nursing home and leisure. He spent thirty years in radio broadcasting, and takes a keen interest in the historic and natural environment. Sir Henry was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in 2006.

**Ashwin Mistry OBE, executive chairman of the Brokerbilty Group**  
**@AshwinMistry\_**

Mr Mistry is the executive chairman of the Brokerbilty Group – a nationwide network of around 30 independent insurance broking businesses, including BHIB Councils Insurance. During his 40 year career, he was the president of The Chartered Insurance Institute and received an OBE for careers education services.

**Cllr Moriah Priestley, cabinet member for economic development and community partnerships at Milton Keynes Council**  
**@moriahpriestley**

Cllr Priestley has been a councillor at parish and city level for the past nine years. She has been a campaigner on enterprise development, housing, and community empowerment for over 15 years.

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Blachere Illumination will transform your town centre's winter and festive lighting with the perfect scheme to meet your budget. As the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of winter and architectural lighting, they take care of everything from design through to installation and dismantling, and even offer an hire service. They are also sponsoring the Council of the Year category of the Star Council Awards.

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CCLA has managed local authority funds for over 40 years and charitable funds for 60 years. The Public Sector Deposit Fund – a simple, low-risk solution for cash. The Local Authorities' Property Fund – increasing your income, diversifying your risk. They are also sponsoring the County association project of the Year category of the Star Council Awards.

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## **Behaviour Change** **@changebehaviour**

Behaviour Change is a not-for-profit social enterprise, founded in 2009. They tackle significant social and environmental challenges by developing ideas that help people do the right thing.

## **Bluesky International Ltd** **@Bluesky\_int**

Bluesky is the leading aerial survey company in the UK providing a range of survey, geographic and CAD data, including aerial photography, mapping and LiDAR. Their continuous investment in cutting edge technology enables them to offer the most accurate, current and highest resolution datasets available. Customer focussed and committed to innovation their products and services are continually evolving to meet the needs for a range of sectors.

## **Breakthrough Communications and Strategies Limited**

Their directors, James MacCleary and Daniel Purchase, have a combined 32 years' experience spanning the worlds of business, non-profit organisations, national and international campaigning. Between them, they have also served as a parish, town, district and county councillors. Together, they bring a wide range of skills and knowledge to supercharge your council's communications.

## **Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils**

As a not-for-profit organisation, they provide daily support on procedural elements and statutory regulations. They are also a training provider for councillors and clerks. Further services include the facilitation of communications across the county, district and local councils plus arbitration at meetings and bespoke onsite training.

## **Came and Company** **@CameandCo**

Came & Company was established in 2006 on the belief that whether acting as a local councillor, trustee, employee or volunteer that good people giving of themselves for the benefit of their community should be protected. Since their launch and through the active support of their proposition across the sector, they now provide insurance solutions to over 4,000 local council and community groups. They are also sponsoring the Councillor of the Year category of the Star Council Awards.

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## **Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network** **@CoopInnovation**

The Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network is a collaboration between local authorities who are committed to finding better ways of working for, and with, local people for the benefit of their local community.

## **County Councils' Network** **@CCNOffice**

Established in 1997, the County Councils Network (CCN) is a cross-party special interest group of the Local Government Association (LGA), representing England's county local authorities. CCN acts as the voice for county authorities across Westminster, to key influencers, and within the LGA and local government sector. Its evidence-based research, advocacy, media, and public affairs work has secured significant concessions for its members.

## **David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd** **@DavidOgilvieEng**

David Ogilvie Engineering is a family run business of 33 years and one of the country's leading designers and manufacturers of street, park and memorial furniture. With a vast portfolio of products ranging from seating (including memorial seating), litter bins, planters, notice boards and playground furniture, we are confident that you will find our products a colourful, robust and economical solution to your requirements.

## **DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd**

DCK Accounting has built a reputation as industry leaders in providing accounting solutions to local councils with a client base throughout England. Services provided include preparation of full outsourced accounting services, annual accounts, budgeting assistance, specialist advice on VAT & payroll, plus advice and feasibility work relating to capital projects. They are also sponsoring the Young councillor of the Year category of the Star Council Awards.

## **District Councils' Network** **@districtcouncil**

The District Councils' Network (DCN) is a cross-party member-led network of 200 district councils. They are a special interest group of the Local Government Association (LGA), and provide a single voice for district councils within the LGA. The DCN strives to support its priorities of better lives and stronger economies. They do this through; collaboration and networking, influencing national policy, commissioning evidence-based research, and developing new ways of working with its member organisations and partners.

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## **Eden Project Communities**

**@edencommunities**

They aim to improve the happiness and wellbeing of people across the UK by helping to build more resilient and better-connected communities. Eden supports and encourages people all over the UK to take positive actions that strengthen local connections and build stronger communities.

## **Epilepsy Society**

**@epilepsysociety**

Their vision is a full life for everyone affected by epilepsy. They want everyone affected by epilepsy to have the best opportunity for a full life – as free from seizures as possible. Their mission is to enhance the quality of life of people affected by epilepsy by promoting public awareness and education, by undertaking research and by delivering specialist medical care and support services.

## **Fields in Trust**

**@FieldsInTrust**

Fields in Trust champions and supports our parks and green spaces by protecting them for people to enjoy in perpetuity. Because once lost, they are lost forever. They are an independent charity with over 90 years' experience protecting parks and green spaces. They work with landowners, community groups and policy makers to champion the value of our parks and green spaces to achieve better protection for their future at both local and national level.

## **Frontline Consulting Associates**

Frontline Consulting offers advice, consultancy, learning and development activity and mentoring for local authorities and the wider public sector, notably elected members.

## **GeoXphere**

**@GeoXphere**

GeoXphere is a UK-based company specialising in Cloud GIS, spatial data management and cost-effective geospatial survey solutions. Their vision is to continue to adapt and grow our end-to-end concept of fast and efficient data capture combined with easy-to-access cloud delivery of mapping. They launched in September 2016 intending to accelerate and advance innovation around digital mapping technology.

## **Getmapping**

**@GetmappingPLC**

Getmapping is a leading provider of aerial photography, mobile mapping, LiDAR, digital mapping and web-based services across Europe and Africa. Founded in 1999

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Getmapping pioneered the concept of nationwide coverage of aerial photography creating the most comprehensive and detailed aerial photographic survey of the UK.

### **Healthmatic Ltd** **@Healthmatic**

Healthmatic specialises in the provision and management of smarter public toilets, and the implementation of offsite systems for footfall counting and data capture. Their team of engineers and operatives deliver a comprehensive management service to the full range of assets they support. They work with all tiers of local government, tourism and environmental groups and transport hubs and have contracts with over 165 public authorities and staff based across the UK and Ireland.

### **HR Services Partnership Ltd** **@HR\_Services1**

HR Services Partnership provides local councils with access to quality employment advice and HR services on flexible terms. Having partnered with various county associations they have supported over 50 local councils with employment investigations, restructures, managing performance, absence management as well as drafting contracts, policies and acting as a sounding board for councillors.

### **JustPark** **@JustPark**

From their early days helping drivers park on driveways around sports stadiums to where they are now, helping over three and half million drivers park across over 45,000 locations around the country – JustPark is now one of the most loved parking apps. They make parking easy for drivers – while helping parking owners and operators (of all shapes and sizes), optimise and re-purpose their under-utilised parking real-estate.

### **Med UK Group Limited**

Med UK hope to demonstrate the work we have accomplished with many councils across the country I supplying Publicly Accessible Defibrillators and Bleeding Control Kits.

### **Microshade Business Consultants Ltd** **@microshadevsm**

Microshade is a UK company established in 1984. They first entered the local authority market in 1996 trading under the name of RBS Software Solutions, and became renowned for the provision of high quality, sector-specific, accounting and administration software. During this time, they established a strong reputation for support and customer service. They now bring this culture to the provision of IT Services.

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## **Modern.Gov by Civica**

**@CivicaUK**

Modern.Gov delivers cost-effective, efficient and transparent decision management for all your stakeholders. The solution is designed to support meeting organisers, empowering them to compile meeting packs in minutes rather than hours. It reduces paper usage and printing costs. Last-minute changes to agendas can be quickly published, without needing to reprint documentation, delivering significant time and cost savings.

## **O'Neill Homer**

**@oneillhomerltd**

Their professional consulting team provides a trusted, end-to-end project service to clients. They specialise in neighbourhood planning and master-planning and have a wealth of experience in the UK planning and development sectors. They work for local communities and developers to plan, design and deliver development through neighbourhood plans, master-plans and regeneration schemes.

## **Pear Technology**

**@peartechnology**

Pear Technology supply mapping systems for local councils for use in the preparation of parish plans, the management of cemeteries, allotments, playing fields, street assets and trees, for planning reviews and for communicating with the public and local authorities. Designed for use by non-IT specialists, the software is backed up by excellent support and a map preparation service.

## **Proludic Ltd**

**@Proludic**

Proludic has 30 years' experience in the design and installation of play and sports areas that are inclusive, durable and exciting for everyone that uses them. With more than 80,000 sites installed globally, they continue to demonstrate the ability to provide personalised & sustainable design solutions.

## **Radioactive Waste Management**

**@rwm\_gdf\_uk**

Radioactive Waste Management is responsible for implementing the government's policy for the management of higher activity radioactive waste. A geological disposal facility is a series of vaults and tunnels deep underground to provide a permanent and safe solution for the disposal of higher activity radioactive waste.

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## **Transport Planning Society**

**@TransPlanSoc**

A seed was planted in June 1994 at a seminar in London, attended by 70 transport planners, which agreed that the sector urgently needed a professional framework. This led to the creation of the Transport Planning Forum. Its objectives were to identify the needs of the profession and investigate the extent to which these needs were being met by existing institutes and organisations. The Transport Planning Society was formed in February 1997.

## **Vision ICT Ltd**

**@VisionICT**

Vision ICT is the most experienced website design agency working within the local council sector and have an excellent reputation for their work and the support they provide. Full service, from domain registration, hosting, emails, and SSL certification. They can also offer graphic design, data backup, surveys. They are also sponsoring the Clerk of the Year category of the Star Council Awards.

## **Winsby Mediation**

Winsby provides a full range of mediation, services to assist individuals and businesses in achieving timely, cost-efficient resolutions to claims or disputes. They are staffed by trained mediators and headed by Nigel Chapman, a solicitor and mediator with over 30 years of experience with legal disputes. They offer a bespoke service in representing clients in the mediation process, regardless of the nature of the dispute.

## **Woodland Trust**

**@WoodlandTrust**

The Woodland Trust stand up for trees. They plant trees, restore irreplaceable ancient woodland and fight for better protection for woodlands across the nation. They look after 800 woods in England, which are yours to explore whenever you like. They do research to find scientific evidence, which underpins their conservation work.

## **Zeta Specialist Lighting Ltd**

**@zetaled**

Zeta Specialist Lighting is an innovative developer and manufacturer of LED and solar-powered lighting solutions where highly efficient, cost-effective lighting is required. They work directly with architects, councils, planners and engineers offering the most effective lighting solutions across many applications.

# Be part of something big: introducing geological disposal

The construction and operation of a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) for the country's higher activity radioactive waste will last over 100 years, providing thousands of highly skilled jobs and billions of investment into the host area's transport, social, economic and community infrastructure.

A GDF is one of the UK's largest environmental protection infrastructure projects ever undertaken. With councils and communities setting the vision for the local and regional socio-economic benefit the project could deliver, a GDF offers unparalleled opportunities for jobs, infrastructure investment and more.

Visit us at stand 7 at the NALC Annual Conference 19 to find out more about how your community can benefit from this programme.

**To find out more:**

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