

'Open Mic'

1. Scene setting by Jonathan Owen & Cllr Deryck Nash
2. Feedback and ideas from you!

Strengthening our larger councils work

- Package of work to better support and engage with larger councils, overseen by Larger Councils Committee
- Work programme
- Review of affiliation fees leading to new cap at £1750
- Pilot new national 'super councils network' comprising some of the largest councils, including LGA associate membership
- SCN seat on Larger Councils Committee, elected by councils
- New resources: procurement toolkit & eHub
- Involvement with national work & meetings with government
- New events: access to parliamentary receptions & introduction of roundtables
- Membership pack and recruitment strategy
- This conference – dedicated event for larger councils!

NALC priorities for 2016

Objective 1: VFM services to councils & CALCs

- Sector led body
- Support to councils & CALCs on devolution
- Sector improvement strategy

Objective 2: growing membership & creating councils

- Marketing strategy
- Larger councils & 'super councils network'
- New councils

Objective 3: strong national voice

- Effective APPG on local democracy
- 2nd Lobby Day
- Wider engagement with government departments

Devolution: historic opportunity?

- Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill
- 38 'devolution deals' so far
- Government wants these to include devolution to town and parish councils
- Devolution expected to save £12bn
- Local devolution delivers a £1:£3 return (£3-5 billion?)
- NALC's Devo Local white paper
- Government encouraging parishes to get involved and NALC will develop support with CALCs and LGA
- "Devolution is relevant to all of us and is happening now – Don't miss the chance to reshape public services"
- Impact of spending review