

15 NOVEMBER 2018

## **SPRING CONFERENCE**

**11 FEBRUARY 2019**

09.00 – 10.00	Registration, refreshments and networking
10:00 – 10:30	Plenary – welcome & strategic plan  Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)  Jonathan Owen, chief executive at NALC
10:30 – 11:15	Plenary  Local councils and rural isolation  Tracey Crouch, MP
11.15 – 11.45	Refreshments, networking and exhibition viewing
11.45 – 12.30	Plenary session  Resilient Audit  Lizzie Peers, non-executive director at smaller authorities' audit appointments (confirmed)  Senior representative at Mazars LLP (invited)
12:30 – 13:15	Lunch, refreshments, exhibition viewing and networking
13.15 – 14.15	Workshop A: Community Benefit From Development  The workshop will focus on how developers can work more closely with local councils through the neighbourhood planning process to maximise community benefit from development.  Alasdair Buckle, principal planner at nexus planning Andrew Taylor, director at countryside properties Joseph Whelan, clerk at Hertford Town Council

#### Workshop B: Engaging young people

Hear about Yate Town Council's youth services offer and learn useful tips on how to engage with young people.

Cllr. Chris Wilmore, councillor at Yate Town Council

Cllr. Lori Ramsay, councillor at Yate Town Council

#### Workshop C: Local government communications

Learn how local councils can better communicate with their residents around local government finance and service delivery.

Cllr Ken Eastwood, councillor at Oxenhope parish council

Cathy Tibbles, clerk at Whitwick parish council

#### Workshop D: Community engagement

Have you got what it takes to be a community champion? The Company of Community Organisers is dedicated to developing leadership skills and is now training councillors to help lead their communities.

Alex Neil, development officer and Jon Cousins, community organiser and development worker at The Company of Community Organisers

14.15 – 15.15

#### Workshop A: Workshop A: Community Benefit From Development

#### Workshop E: Super councils' network forum

(Session primarily aimed at NALC super councils, but other delegates welcome) Learn helpful tips on how to provide a unique health and wellbeing offer and good practice from Frome Town Council's excellent work in this area

Good practice session (including case study on health and wellbeing from Paul Wynne, town clerk at Frome Town Council)

#### Workshop C: Local government communications

#### Workshop F: Star council spotlight

Hear good practice in the local council sector from the Council of the Year Award winner 2019 and the Councillor of the Year Award winner and take away useful practical tips for your own councils.

Chris Shaw and Lesley Moor, officers at Northwich Town Council – council of the year

Nick Penny, councillor at Coleford Town Council

15:15 – 16:15

Plenary

Working together to support communities

Heather Jameson, editor of the municipal journal (Chair)  
(invited)

Cllr. Izzie Secombe, councillor at county councils' network  
(confirmed)

Cllr. John Fuller, chairman at district councils' network  
(confirmed)

Jessica Studdart, deputy director at the new local government  
network (confirmed)

16.15 – 16.45

Conference remarks

Chairman of the NALC larger councils' committee

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