

DCN Annual Conference 2023

23-24 February 2023

Sopwell House



Day 1: Thursday 23 February

11.30	Registration opens
11.45	Exhibition and lunch
12.30	Conference starts: welcome
12.35	Opening address Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen , DCN Chairman and Leader, Breckland District Council
12.45	Report launch: District Deliver - How Local People Value Their District Council Ben Shimshon , Co-Founder, BritainThinks Cllr James Jamieson , Chairman, Local Government Association Professor Colin Copus , De Montfort University Chair: Cllr Bridget Smith , Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council
1.30	Ministerial keynote speech Lee Rowley MP , Minister for Local Government and MP for North East Derbyshire Chair: Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen , Leader, Breckland District Council
1.55	Panel discussion: districts at the heart of health and wellbeing Sarah Walter , Director, ICS Network Dr Anjan Ghosh , Director of Public Health, Kent County Council Chair: Ian Fytche , Chief Executive, North Kesteven District Council
2.35	Breakout sessions 1. From global cyber threat to practical solutions for your community: session delivered by The Cyber Centre of Excellence and supported by iESE <i>(St Albans Suite)</i> 2. Making the most of your limited resources within Government: session delivered by eamli <i>(Lord Mountbatten Room)</i> 3. Innovation Spotlight: Intervening early for better health outcomes <i>(Princess Victoria Room)</i>
3.20	Refreshments, networking and exhibition
3.50	Survey launch: Level Measures

	<p>Jonathan Werran, Chief Executive, Localis</p> <p>Dale Wood, Regional Director, Capita</p>
3.55	<p>Panel discussion: transforming services for a sustainable future</p> <p>Professor Tony Travers, London School of Economics</p> <p>Cllr Jonathan Brook, Leader, South Lakeland District Council</p> <p>Chair: Geoff Tucker, Director, Norse Group</p>
4.25	<p>Ministerial keynote speech</p> <p>Victoria Prentis MP, Attorney General for England and Wales and MP for North Oxfordshire</p> <p>Chair: Cllr Barry Wood, Leader, Cherwell District Council</p>
4.50	<p>Panel discussion: helping our residents in troubled times</p> <p>Kate Henderson, Chief Executive, National Housing Federation</p> <p>Helen Barnard, Associate Director, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Research and Policy Director, Pro Bono Economics</p> <p>Jamie Sutterby, Director of People and Communities, South Norfolk and Broadland Councils</p> <p>Chair: Cllr Hannah Dalton, Majority Group Chair, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council</p>
5.30	<p>Close of day one: exhibition, networking and free time</p>
7.15	<p>Drinks reception</p> <p>Sponsored by:</p> <p>CCLA GOOD INVESTMENT</p>
8.00	<p>Conference dinner</p> <p>After-dinner speaker:</p> <p>Professor Sir Jonathan Van-Tam, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Nottingham, and former Deputy Chief Medical Officer</p>

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Day 2: Friday 24 February

8.30	Refreshments and exhibition
9.00	Closed political group meetings (for councillors only) <i>Conservative Group - (Lord Mountbatten Room)</i> <i>Independent Group - (Prince Louis Room)</i> <i>Labour Group - (Lady Patricia/Princess Alice Room)</i> <i>Liberal Democrat Group - (Princess Victoria Room)</i>
9.00	Closed chief executive session (for officers only) Dan Gascoyne , Chief Executive, Braintree District Council Yvonne Rees , Chief Executive, Cherwell District Council Chair: Julie Towers , Managing Director, Penna
9.40	Keynote speech Daisy Cooper MP , Deputy Leader, Liberal Democrats and MP for St. Albans Chair: Cllr Bridget Smith , Leader, South Cambridgeshire District Council
10.05	Panel discussion: driving growth through place-based partnerships Stephen Teagle , Chief Executive, Countryside Partnerships, Vistry Group Adam Hawksbee , Deputy Director, Onward Michelle Sacks , Deputy Chief Executive (Growth), South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Chair: Jackie Sadek , Director, Urban Strategy
10.45	Refreshments, networking and exhibition
11.05	Breakout sessions: 1. Innovation spotlight: safeguarding our local environments <i>(Lady Patricia/Princess Alice Room)</i> 2. Innovation spotlight: tackling homelessness in difficult times <i>(Princess Victoria Room)</i> 3. Innovation spotlight: seizing the opportunity of workforce transformation <i>(Lord Mountbatten Room)</i>

11.50	<p>Panel discussion: delivering net zero and green growth</p> <p>Chris Hammond, Network Membership Director, UK100</p> <p>Cllr Susan Brown, Leader, Oxford City Council</p> <p>Cllr Johnny Denis, Cabinet Member for Communities and Customers, Lewes District Council</p> <p>Chair: Adele Gritten, Chief Executive, Local Partnerships</p>
12.30	<p>Keynote speakers: Leading through adversity</p> <p>Barry Quirk, former Chief Executive, Kensington & Chelsea Borough Council</p> <p>Jackie Weaver, Chief Officer, Cheshire Association of Local Councils</p> <p>Major General Martin Smith, former Commandant General, Royal Marines</p> <p>Chair: Councillor Peter Fleming, Leader, Sevenoaks District Council</p>
1.10	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen, DCN Chairman and Leader, Breckland District Council</p>
1.15	Lunch and networking
2.15	Conference close

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