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| **DCN Annual Conference 2024**  14 -15 March 2024  Sopwell House  **Day 1: Thursday 14 March** | | **A purple text on a black background  Description automatically generated** |
| 11.30am | **Registration opens** | |
| 11.45am | **Exhibition and lunch** | |
| 12.30am | **Conference starts: Welcome** | |
| 12.35am | **Opening address**  **Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen,** DCN Chairman | |
| 12.45am | **Keynote speech**  **Chris Boardman,** Chair of Sport England and Active Travel Commissioner | |
| 1.15pm | **Panel discussion – Seizing Initiative on the environment**  **Dr Lucy Hubble-Rose**, Deputy Director, UCL Climate Action Unit  **Professor Adam Beaumont**, Trustee of Eden Project North and entrepreneur  **Adele Gritten,** Chief Executive, Local Partnerships | |
| 1.55pm | **Ministerial keynote speech**  **The Right Hon Michael Gove MP**, Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities | |
| 2.25pm | **Breakout sessions** | |
| 3.10pm | **Refreshments, networking and exhibition** | |
| 3.35pm | **Keynote speech and panel discussion: Investing in our places**  **Lord Harrington**, Chair, Review of Foreign Direct Investment  **Sarah Longlands**, Chief Executive, Centre for Local Economic Strategies  **Chris Vann,** Chief Operating Officer, Autolus  **Andrew Taylor**, Group Planning Director, Vistry Group | |
| 4.25pm | **Keynote speech: the Liberal Democrat view**  **Helen Morgan MP**, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Housing, Communities | |
| 4.45pm | **Keynote speech: the Labour view**  **Jim McMahon MP,** Labour Shadow Levelling Up Minister | |
| 5:05pm | **Panel discussion: Supporting our communities in difficult times**  **Emma Revie**, Chief Executive, Trussell Trust  **Dame Clare Moriarty**, Chief Executive, Citizens Advice  **Dr Simon Kaye**, Director of Policy, Reform | |
| 5:45pm | **Close of day one: exhibition, networking and free time** | |
| 7.15pm | **Drinks reception**  **C:\Users\jonathan.werran\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\DI50RIYV\CCLA_Logo_Grey_CMYK.PNG**Sponsored by: | |
| 8.00pm | **Conference gala dinner**  After-dinner speaker to be announced | |

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| 8.30am | **Refreshments and exhibition** |
| 8.45am | **Closed political group meetings (for councillors only)**  Conservative Group  Independent Group  Labour Group  Liberal Democrat Group |
| 8:45am | **Closed chief executive session (for officers only)** |
| 9.30am | **The AI revolution**  **Chris Meah**, Chief Executive, School of Code and Chair of West Midlands AI Strategy Board  **Catherine Howe**, Chief Executive of Adur and Worthing Councils |
| 10.00am | **Panel discussion: Preventing future problems**  **Patricia Hewitt**, Former Secretary of State for Health  **Dame Rachel de Souza**, Children’s Commissioner for England |
| 10.45am | **LGA Chairman’s address**  **Cllr Shaun Davies**, Chairman, Local Government Association |
| 11.05am | **Refreshments, networking and exhibition** |
| 11.30am | **Breakout sessions** |
| 12:15pm | **Keynote speech**  **Gideon Skinner**, Head of Politics Research, Ipsos Mori |
| 12.45pm | **Panel discussion: Embracing the challenge of leadership**  **Speakers to be announced** |
| 1.20pm | **Closing remarks**  **Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen***,* Chairman, District Councils’ Network |
| 1.30pm | **Lunch and networking/ Conference Close** |