



DCN

Annual Conference 2026

Sponsor Prospectus

19-20 March

De Vere Belmont Estate, Old Windsor

Work with us

The District Councils' Network is your routeway to engaging with the most local and vibrant part of English local government.

Through our Annual Conference you can speak directly to and hear from the officers and politicians whose decisions determine the futures of places across England, impacting on the lives of 22 million people.

DCN member councils partner with organisations in the private, public and third sectors to run services, transform their places and drive change.

By working with DCN, your organisation gains a platform to demonstrate your ideas and expertise at finding solutions to the many challenges faced by our member councils.



District council facts

- 169 DCN members
- £8bn gross expenditure
- 22 million population – 40% of England
- 59% of England by area
- 32% of gross national product
- Services include waste collection, planning, housing and homelessness prevention, welfare support, environmental health, leisure, parks and economic development



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This is DCN's flagship event, attended by over 300 senior officers and politicians from member councils.

It attracts high-profile speakers, who in recent years have included East Midlands mayor Claire Ward, pollster Sir John Curtice, TV host Steph McGovern and public health expert Professor Jonathan Van-Tam.

It provides a unique forum for central government and district councils to interact about the issues that matter most to the most local tier of principal local government.

2026's event takes place on 19-20 March. We are returning to the enchanting De Vere Beaumont Estate in Old Windsor – which is large enough to accommodate all delegates on site.

Appropriately the DCN Conference's home is a stone's throw away from the birthplace of UK democracy – Runnymede. The estate features an 18th century mansion, a state-of-the art conference centre and 42 acres of parkland. It's just minutes from Junction 13 of the M25 and a mere three miles from Egham station, with fast connections to London Waterloo and Reading.





DCN's Annual Conference features a mix of discussion on the biggest issues of the day and ample opportunity for networking and socialising.

There will be prominent keynote speakers, with ministers and leading Opposition figures expected to appear, as well as panel discussions, all offering plenty of opportunity for delegates to interact with our speakers.

At a number of our plenary and breakout sessions DCN partner speakers gain an opportunity to speak alongside some of the biggest names in local government, offering their thoughts and visions.

We offer an array of conference options, most of which offer full access for two attendees from your organisations to all conference sessions (apart from the few sessions which are politically restricted). The one exception is the Networker package, each of which offers access for one person.



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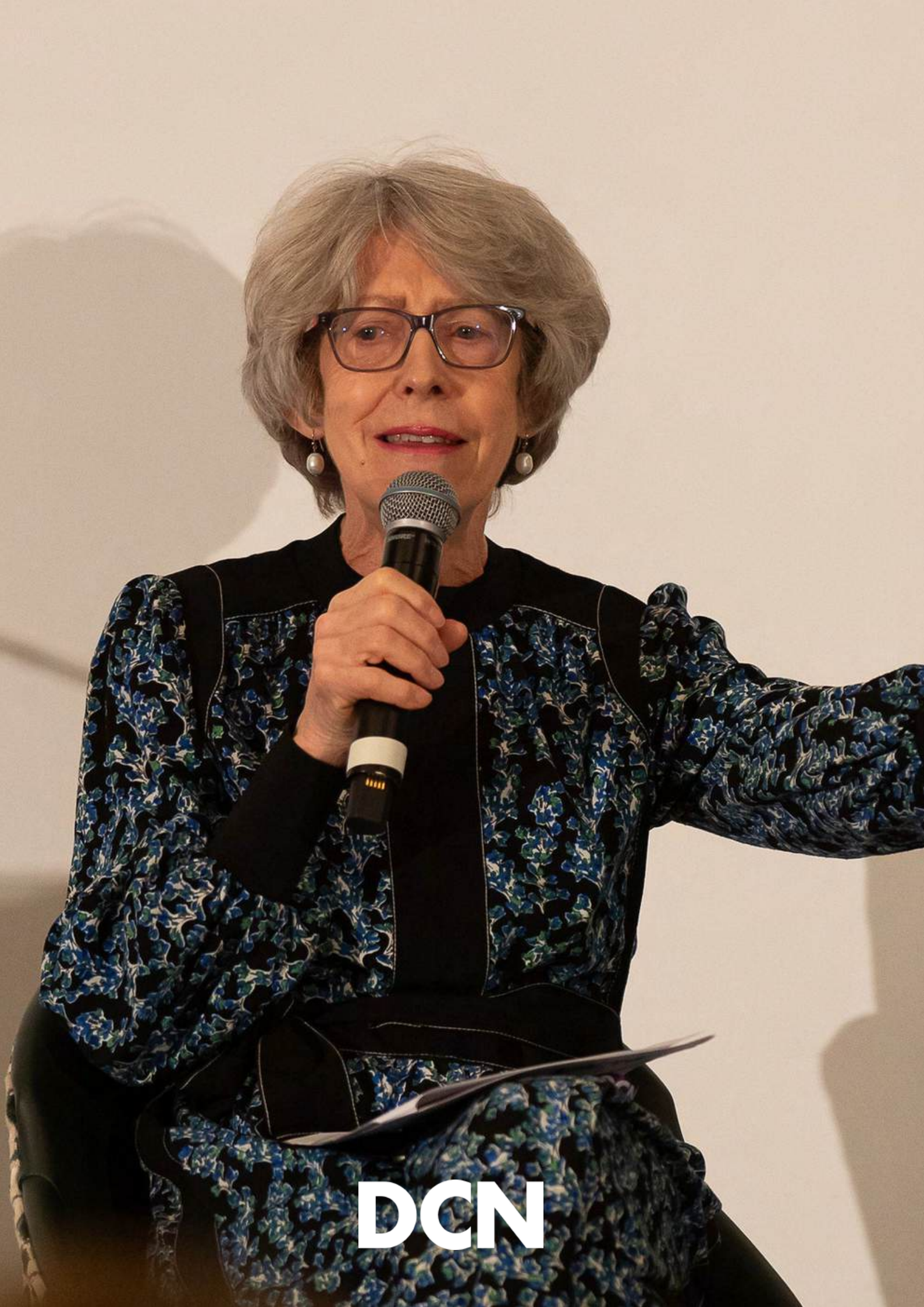
Sponsorship options

Exhibitor stand

This offers the perfect opportunity to interact with DCN's 300 expected attendees and to display the material that will appeal to them.

Our regular package features a 6 x 2.5ft stand but we will endeavour to accommodate any bespoke requests.

This option does not include accommodation or attendance of the Gala Dinner.



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Plenary session - thought leadership slot

Your speaker will appear on a panel alongside other speakers.

They will speak for several minutes at the start and then interact with their fellow panellists and audience members in the discussion which follows.

Includes accommodation for two and attendance of the gala dinner.



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Breakout session speaker slot

The DCN's annual conference will at times break into two or more streams so that we can cover far more of the varied work of local government.

A breakout session slot offers your organisation an opportunity to get an issue you are passionate about on our conference agenda.

Breakout speaking slots have a similar format to those on the plenary session but attendees in the room are likely to be those with specific interests in the policy areas under discussion.

You can nominate speakers and the format – and we will also provide input to ensure it has wide appeal to delegates. Breakout session sponsorship includes accommodation for two and attendance of the gala dinner.



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Drinks sponsor

Sponsorship of our pre-dinner drinks offers prominence to the sponsor - as well as the gratitude of our attendees.

Sponsor will also receive a short (two-minute) speaking slot.

Includes accommodation for two and attendance of the gala dinner.



Gala Dinner Slot Sponsor

Sponsoring the Gala Dinner offers sponsors a two-minute speaking slot.

Includes accommodation for two and attendance of the gala dinner





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Name badge sponsor

Our name badge sponsorship package offers your organisation profile and visibility throughout the whole conference.

Your organisation's logo will be positioned prominently alongside delegate's name on every name badge.

Includes accommodation for two and attendance of gala dinner.



Networker package

This package gives you access for one person at DCN's annual conference, including access to all sessions (apart from any that are politically restricted).

The fee is discounted if your organisation purchases more than one such package.

For further details please contact DCN's team at DCN@local.gov.uk



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