

The LGA at the Conservative Party Conference

29 September – 2 October 2019
Manchester

#CouncilsCan

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As leaders of place, councils support local communities to thrive by building homes, creating jobs and school places, providing dignified care for older and disabled people, and boosting economic growth. Our research shows that three quarters of council services have improved in the last 10 years and people trust their council and councillors to make the right decisions for them and their families.

Giving councils the right powers and control over their finances would enable them to do much more. They have the local knowledge and expertise to understand the needs of their areas and they have improved outcomes for residents through their children's services, public health, by building houses and creating green and open spaces. With the Queen's Speech, Budget and other important announcements upon us, we continue to work with all the main parties to make the case for giving councils the powers, freedoms, flexibilities and funding to continue to deliver for communities.

This party conference season, we will be promoting our #CouncilsCan campaign, highlighting the need for financial certainty and a New Localism Settlement to empower councils as the democratically elected leaders closest to their communities, to take on greater responsibilities for their places. In partnership with Curtin&Co, we will be debating what is needed in the Queen's Speech to turn our Councils Can report into reality and reset the conversation on public service reform, thereby ensuring councils can continue to deliver for their residents.

Find more about our #CouncilsCan campaign and report at www.local.gov.uk/councils-can

Highlights

The LGA debate, in partnership with Curtin&Co

#CouncilsCan: Why is the Queen's Speech important for local government?

Tuesday 1 October, 4.00 pm-5.30 pm

Venue: Exchange 10, Manchester Central
Speakers: Councillor James Jamieson, Chairman of the LGA (Chair); Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group; Luke Hall MP, Minister for Local Government and Homelessness; Emma Norris, Director of Research, Institute for Government; Martin Curtis, Associate Director, Curtin&Co and former Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council

Refreshments provided

LGA

The LGA Evening Reception

Tuesday 1 October, 8.00 pm-9.30 pm

Venue: Charter 4, Manchester Central
Speakers: Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group; Councillor James Jamieson, Chairman of the LGA; Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

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Sunday 29 September

Girl Guides

Facing our future: Fight back against plastic pollution

4.00 pm-5.15 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Abi Brown, Vice Chair, LGA City Regions Board

Citadel

Youth Zone 10 Year Anniversary Reception

6.00 pm-6.45 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Manchester Central

Town and Country Planning Association

Delivering homes quicker and within high quality communities

6.00 pm-7.30 pm

Venue: Exchange rooms 2 & 3, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor James Jamieson, Chairman of the LGA

Crisis

Time to #CovertheCost: Is unfreezing local housing allowance key to the Conservative Party's manifesto commitment to end rough sleeping by 2022?

6.00 pm-7.30 pm

Venue: Exchange 11, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group

Youth Access

Make our rights a reality

7.00 pm-8.00 pm

Speaker: Cllr Teresa Heritage, Vice Chair, LGA Children and Young People Board

Roundtable, invitation only

CCA

Drinks reception

8.00 pm-9.30 pm

Venue: Alexandra B, Midland Hotel

To book your ticket please visit the CCA website

Monday 30 September

Centre for London and Northern Powerhouse Partnerships

Cities, divides and devolution: What approach will the next Prime Minister take?

7.45 am-9.00 am

Speaker: Councillor Robert Waltham MBE, LGA People and Places Board

Roundtable, invitation only

National Youth Agency

Local Youth Partnerships

8.00 am-9.00 am

Speaker: Councillor David Simmonds, CBE, Deputy Chairman of the LGA

Roundtable, invitation only

National Landlords Association, in partnership with Prospect

21st Century housing options: Landlords, the state or the streets?

8.45 am-10.00 am

Venue: Central 6, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor John Fuller OBE, Deputy Leader of the LGA Conservative Group and LGA Deputy Chairman

Citadel

Opening of the Youth Zone

9.00 am-9.30 am

Venue: Youth Zone, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Teresa Heritage, Vice Chair, LGA Children and Young People Board

National Youth Agency

Hear by right

9.30 am-10.30 am

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Design Council, supported by Northern Powerhouse Partnership

The employment and skills debate

12.30 pm-1.45 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Sean Anstee CBE, LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board

Institute for Government

Where next for social care?

12.45 pm-2.15 pm

Venue: Exchange Room 1, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group

Bright Blue, in partnership with Anchor Hanover Group

The new giant evil? Reducing loneliness and isolation

12.45 pm-2.00 pm

Venue: Jury's Inn

Speaker: Councillor David Simmonds CBE, LGA Deputy Chairman

British Psychological Society

How can we support psychological wellbeing in schools?

12.45 pm-2.00 pm

Venue: Lancaster Room, Midland Hotel

Speaker: Councillor Ian Hudspeth, Chairman, LGA Community Wellbeing Board

NHS Confederation

Can the Conservative Party deliver a solution to the social care crisis?

2.00 pm-3.00 pm

Venue: Rooms 2, 3 and 4, Hilton Deansgate

Speaker: Councillor Ian Hudspeth, Chairman, LGA Community Wellbeing Board

Oxfam, in partnership with Citadel

In conversation with Oxfam young advocates and the climate challenge

3.15 pm-4.00 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Mark Hawthorne MBE, LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board

Countryside Alliance

Investing in rural Britain

4.00 pm-5.30 pm

Venue: Rolls Suite, Midland Hotel

Speaker: Councillor David Renard, Chairman, LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board

Monday 30 September

NAHT in partnership with TES and Policy Institute

Is choice in the education system good for pupils and good for raising standards?

4.00 pm-5.15 pm

Venue: Central 8, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Philip Broadhead, LGA Improvement and Innovation Board

Plan International UK

Top 5 ways to listen to girls locally

5.45 pm-7.00 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Abi Brown, Vice Chair, LGA City Regions Board

Centre for Progressive Policy

Inclusive Growth Communities Index launch

6.00 pm-7.00 pm

Venue: Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Philip Broadhead, LGA Improvement and Innovation Board

LSE

Pathways to prosperity:
Can all UK regions thrive?

6.00 pm-7.00 pm

Venue: Fairclough, Midland Hotel

Speaker: Councillor James Jamieson, Chairman of the LGA

Conservative Young Women

Devolution debate

7.15 pm-8.30 pm

Venue: Youth Zone, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group

Thakeham Homes

Housing the next generation:
Solving the intergenerational housing gap

8.30 pm-9.30 pm

Venue: Chester Suite, Midland Hotel

Speaker: Councillor David Simmonds, CBE, Deputy Chairman of the LGA

Tuesday 1 October

NHS Providers

Building our NHS of the future

8.00am-9.30am

Speaker: Councillor Ian Hudspeth, Chairman, LGA Community Wellbeing Board

Roundtable, invitation only

UUP Foundation and Civic University Commission

Strengthening the connection between places and universities

8.00 am-10.00 am

Venue: Albert Square Chop House

Speaker: Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE, Leader of the LGA Conservative Group

Roundtable, invitation only

StepChange

Lack of financial resilience to life events is driving problem debt

8.15 am-9.30 am

Speaker: Councillor Tim Oliver, Vice Chairman, LGA Resources Board

Roundtable, invitation only

St. Mungo's

Home for good: What the Conservative Government could do to help councils tackle rough sleeping

9.00 am-10.30 am

Venue: Friends' Meeting House,
6 Mount Street

Speaker: Councillor Philip Broadhead,
LGA Improvement and Innovation Board

Royal Town and Planning Institute

Housing the older generation

12.30 pm-2.00 pm

Venue: Princess Street Hotel, 18-24
Princess Street

Speaker: Councillor David Williams,
Chair, CCN

Bright Blue, in partnership with MHA

Care in crisis? The state of elderly social care

12.45 pm-2.15 pm

Venue: Cobden 2, Manchester Central

Speaker: Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE,
Leader of the LGA Conservative Group

MHCLG

MHCLG Team, policy Q&A

12.45 pm-2.15 pm

Want to ask the ministers a question? Then you can do so at this popular fringe event, sponsored by the LGA Conservative Group. This event is for CCA members only – registration is essential via the CCA exhibition stand. For more information, please contact cca@conservatives.com

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Conservative Women's Organisation and Young Conservative Women

Ask her to stand

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About Curtin&Co

We bring together developers, politicians and the local community to design and deliver developments which help meet national housebuilding and infrastructure requirements and support local aspirations. Curtin&Co is founded on the principle of building better through conversation, consultation and engagement: all characteristics which reflect the LGA's guidance.

Our consultants include councillors, community campaigners, and former-council officers so we understand planning from both sides of the fence. We identify and meet shared goals to the benefit of everyone.



We would like to thank the following organisations for supporting us at this year's Conservative Party Conference:



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