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The LGA and ALDC at the Liberal Democrat Autumn Conference

14 September – 17 September 2019
Bournemouth

#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 the main political 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:

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?

Monday 16 September, 1.00 pm-2.00 pm

Venue: Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel*

Speakers: Councillor Howard Sykes MBE, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group (Chair); Angela Smith MP; Councillor Emily Smith, Leader, Vale of White Horse District Council; Dr Darren G Lilleker, Associate Professor in Political Communication, Bournemouth University; and Nick Stanton, Joint Chief Executive at Curtin&Co and former Leader, London Borough of Southwark

Refreshments provided

LGA

The Local Government Reception: Let's celebrate this year's elections success

Sunday 15 September, 7.30 pm-9.30 pm

Venue: Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

Speakers: Councillor Howard Sykes MBE, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group (Host); Rt Hon Jo Swinson MP CBE, Leader, Liberal Democrats; Councillor Vikki Slade, Leader, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council; and Councillor Joe Harris, Leader, Cotswold District Council

Refreshments provided

* The Hermitage Hotel is situated on Exeter Road opposite the conference centre

Saturday 14 September

ALDC and the 3 million

Giving a voice to the 3 million EU citizens in the UK

1.00 pm-2.30 pm

Venue: Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

Speakers: Layla Moran MP; Irena von Wiese MEP

LGA and CCN

The Liberal Democrats are the party of rural communities

6.15 pm-7.30 pm

Venue: Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

Speakers: Councillor Heather Kidd (Chair); Baroness Cathy Bakewell; Graham Briggs, Rural Services Network; Councillor Sarah Butikofer, Leader, North Norfolk District Council; and Councillor Alan Connett, Liberal Democrat Group Leader, Devon County Council
Refreshments provided

Sunday 15 September

LGA and ALDC

33 years of Liberal Democracy in Sutton

1.00 pm-2.00 pm

Venue: Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

Speakers: Councillor Howard Sykes MBE, Leader of the LGA Liberal Democrat Group; Councillor Ruth Dombey OBE, Leader, London Borough of Sutton; Lord Graham Tope, former Leader, London Borough of Sutton; and Councillor Jake Short, Vice-Chair, Carshalton and Clock House Local Committee
Refreshments provided

ALDC and CLES

Building community wealth

6.15 pm-7.15 pm

Venue: Hardy Suite, Hermitage Hotel

Speakers include: Neil McInroy, Chief Executive, CLES

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Monday 16 September

London Councils

Tackling London's housing crisis: How do local authorities rise to the challenge?

11.30 am-12.30 pm

Venue: Sherbourne Suite, Highcliff Marriott Hotel

Speakers: Councillor Ruth Dombey OBE, Leader, London Borough of Sutton; Councillor Jayne McCoy, Deputy Leader, London Borough of Sutton; Caroline Pidgeon OBE, London Assembly Member; Paul Noblet, Centrepoint
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