

selecting sustainability: the LGA Sustainable Communities Act conference

LGA conference

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Local Government House
Conference Centre
Smith Square
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The Sustainable Communities Act 2007 starts from the principle that local people know best what changes are needed to their area. The Act offers a route to remove barriers at a national level to making these changes and doing things differently. To this end, local authorities have been invited to submit proposals to the LGA by 31 July for negotiation with the Secretary of State.

This conference will provide an opportunity for councils and other interested organizations to discuss the potential of the Act and share ideas for proposals. The LGA has a statutory role under the Act as the 'Selector' and the conference provides an opportunity to discuss the process and principles that will be used in the short-listing process.

Who should attend?

elected members
empowerment officers
heads of policy and partnerships
corporate planning officers
economic development officers
community development officers
regeneration officers
officers from third sector
organisations

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020 7664 3131 or email info@lga.gov.uk.

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The LGA organises over 100 conferences, events and seminars every year attracting thousands of participants from local government, the business and voluntary sectors. Visit the LGA's website at www.lga.gov.uk for the latest updates on key developments in local government.

The morning programme

09.15–10.00	Registration and refreshments
10.00–10.10	Chair's welcome and introduction Cllr Roger Symonds , Vice Chairman, LGA Sustainable Communities Act Selector Panel
10.10–10.30	Keynote address – the potential of the Sustainable Communities Act <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>
10.30–10.45	Questions and discussion
10.45–11.30	Table discussions part A – developing proposals This session will allow participants to discuss emerging ideas for proposals and work through the process of developing a proposal. Facilitator: Corin Thomson , Programme Director, Improvement and Performance, Local Government Association
11.30–11.45	Refreshments
11.45–12.15	Mapping expenditure locally John Atkinson , Managing Director, Leadership Centre for Local Government Representative from Cumbria County Council
12.15–12.25	Questions and discussion
12.25–1.15	Lunch

The afternoon programme

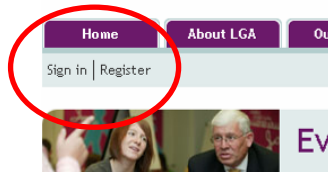
1.15–1.35	The LGA as selector Cllr Keith Mitchell , Chairman, LGA Sustainable Communities Act Selector Panel
1.35–1.50	Questions and discussion
1.50–2.35	Table discussions part B – assessing proposals This session will place participants in the shoes of the 'Selector' providing an insight into the assessment and shortlisting process. Facilitator: Corin Thomson , Programme Director – Improvement and Performance, Local Government Association
2.40–3.40	Workshops (<i>refreshments available in workshop rooms</i>) W1. A tool for engagement and empowerment This workshop will serve as an opportunity for delegates to discuss how the Act can be used as a springboard and tool for wider community engagement and empowerment. Robert Beard , Improving Local Partnerships Policy Adviser, NAVCA W2. Mapping expenditure: A how to guide This workshop will investigate the potential and uses of mapping expenditure in your area. We will hear from councils who have undertaken this process and discuss how communities can maximise the use of local spending reports. Richard Kenny , Head of Strategic Development, Birmingham City Council W3. Beyond the power of well-being: innovation and creativity in a time of recession This workshop will consider the potential of the Act to stimulate local businesses and jobs; and access to services. W4. Using the Act to promote environmental gain This workshop will consider the potential of the Act to promote environmental gain. Andy Nolan , Head of Environmental Strategy, Sheffield City Council James Henderson , Sheffield City Council
3.40	Conference close

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