

# 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

Exchange 10  
Manchester Central  
Refreshments included

In this year's Local Government Association (LGA) debate, in partnership with Curtin&Co, a high profile panel will be discussing what is needed in the Queen's Speech to turn our Councils Can report, setting out the need for a new localism settlement, into reality. Our proposals in Councils Can seek to reset the conversation on public service reform, ensuring councils can continue to deliver for their residents.

Confirmed speakers include:

**Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE**,  
Leader of the LGA Conservative  
Group

**Councillor James Jamieson**,  
Chairman of the LGA

**Luke Hall MP**, Parliamentary  
Under Secretary of State  
for Local Government and  
Homelessness

**Emma Norris**, Director  
of Research, Institute for  
Government

**Martin Curtis**, Associate  
Director at Curtin&Co and  
former Leader, Cambridgeshire  
County Council

# #CouncilsCan

# How can a new localism settlement empower councils to continue to provide for their communities?

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## How can the Queen's Speech, the Budget and other policy announcements from the Government provide certainty for councils?

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## Even under financial pressure, councils have continued to deliver for their residents. What legislation and policy announcements are needed to help councils deliver even more for their communities?

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Councils support local communities to thrive by building homes, creating jobs and school places, providing dignified care for older and disabled people, protecting and enhancing our environment, 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.

This debate is an opportunity discuss the measures needed in a Queen's Speech to deliver this new localism settlement for local government. We will explore ideas for a new legislative agenda that resets the conversation on public service reform, thereby ensuring councils can continue to deliver for their communities and residents. The debate will also be an opportunity to discuss our priorities from our #CouncilsCan campaign and local government's positive agenda for the future.

Find more about our #CouncilsCan campaign and report [www.local.gov.uk/councils-can](http://www.local.gov.uk/councils-can)