

The LGA debate

Show us the money: why the Spending Review must invest in our local services

Monday 24 September
1.00pm–2.30pm

Concourse, Room 4, ACC
Liverpool

Refreshments provided

In this year's Local Government Association (LGA) debate, our high-profile panel will bring together senior politicians and policy experts to explore the funding pressures on local services.

Speakers include:

Cllr Nick Forbes

Leader of the LGA Labour Group

Cllr Lib Peck (Chair)

Deputy Chair of the LGA Labour Group

Shabana Mahmood MP

Member of the Public Accounts Committee

Emily Andrews

Associate Director, Institute for Government

John Harris

Guardian columnist (invited)



How can local government continue to make a positive difference to their residents' lives?

What more could councils do if they were given new money to invest in their communities?

What measures should the Government bring forward in the Budget and Spending Review to help councils continue to deliver the services their residents rely on?

Every day, councils change lives for the better. They keep us safe and provide parks, libraries and open spaces for everyone to enjoy; they make sure families have access to good local childcare and schools; and they build affordable homes for us. They help people live as independent and fulfilled lives as possible. Councils are best-placed to understand the needs of their residents and help them reach their potential.

Despite the sustained pressure on council finances and the fact that local government is close to exhausting all efficiencies, residents' trust in local government decision-making remains much higher than that of central government.

This debate is an opportunity to discuss the measures that should be announced in the Budget and Spending Review to ensure councils can meet the needs of their residents. We will also debate how investing in local services can help build the homes we need, help people to be supported in life and to live independently, and help us ensure communities have control over the services in their area.

Find out more about our key recommendations
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