

The LGA debate

Investing in our future: why the Spending Review must provide for communities

Monday 1 October
3.45pm–5.00pm

Hall 9, International Conference Centre, Birmingham

In this year's Local Government Association (LGA) debate, our high-profile panel will bring together senior politicians and policy experts to explore how central and local government can work together to secure the future sustainability of our vital local services.

Confirmed speakers include:

Councillor James Jamieson
Leader, LGA Conservative Group

Councillor Teresa Heritage (Chair)
LGA Children and Young People Board

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP
Chair, Treasury Select Committee

Chris Philp MP
Private Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Emily Andrews
Associate Director, Institute for Government



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

What can local government do to learn from effective council initiatives that have created new, better and lower-cost ways of working?

How can councils and the Government work together to ensure the Budget and Spending Review help councils to 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.

Over the past few years, local government has reinforced its position as the most efficient part of the public sector, improving and innovating in order to protect the services which keep our communities running. Residents' trust in their local leaders remains high, but demand and budgetary pressures means councils are increasingly having to make difficult decisions.

This debate is an opportunity to discuss how central and local government can work together to secure the future sustainability of our vital local services. We will explore good practices and initiatives used by councils to make savings and improve efficiencies, and will discuss funding priorities for the upcoming Spending Review. 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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