

# South East Regional Breakout Session

## What we'll cover



Who we are and what we do



The region and hot topics



Where you are at right now



How to access LGA support

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## Core Officer Team

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## Specialists Officer Team

CIA – Alison Michalska

CHIA - TBC

FISA – Sheila Collins and Andrew Hardingham

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# South East LGA Team – Political peers

The four political groups at the LGA each have regional lead members:

**Councillor Lord Gary Porter**  
(Conservative)



**Councillor Linda Van den Hende**  
(Independent)



**Councillor Bryony Rudkin**  
(Labour)



**Councillor Sarah Butikofer**  
(Liberal Democrat)

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And .....

**you.**

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# Our improvement offer

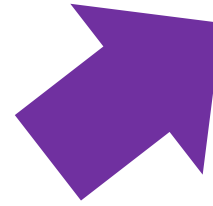
Offer a range of practical support available to councils & councillors, including:

- Political leadership programmes
- Bespoke councillor training and development
- Mentoring support
- Website - online resources (e.g. workbooks)
- Peer challenges
- LG Inform (e.g. ward/division profiles)
- programmes tailored to specific service areas such as children's, adults', health, care, financial, planning services



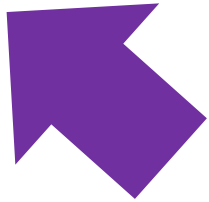


**Events** (currently online)  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/events>



**LGA E-Bulletins**  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/about/news/e-bulletins>

**First Magazine**  
<https://www.lgafirst.co.uk/>



**Government Guidance**  
<https://www.gov.uk/understand-how-your-council-works>

**Councillor workbooks**  
[www.local.gov.uk/our-support/highlighting-political-leadership/community-leadership/councillor-workbooks](http://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/highlighting-political-leadership/community-leadership/councillor-workbooks)

**Good practice studies**  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/case-studies>



# How we can help you right now?

**LGIinform**  
<https://lginform.local.gov.uk/>



**New Councillor Hub**  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/councillor-development/new-councillor-hub>

**Leadership Programmes**



<https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/highlighting-political-le-b7a.pdf>

**LGA Policy Boards**  
<https://lga.moderngov.co.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?>

**E-learning**  
[www.local.gov.uk/our-support/highlighting-political-leadership/councillors-guide-2017/distance-learning-resources](http://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/highlighting-political-leadership/councillors-guide-2017/distance-learning-resources)



**Councillors' forum**

# The South East

- 76 Councils - 8 County, 6 Unitary & 62 Districts
- 8 Fire and Rescue Authorities
- 2 National Parks





# The South East - stats

- The South East has a population of over 9m residents.
- The South East has the second highest GVA contribution in England with nearly £292m (£) in 2020-21.
- The South East has the highest employment rate at 78.3 per cent.
- The South East had the highest traffic levels in 2019, with 58bn vehicle miles driven on its roads.
- The South East has 30.4 per cent of pensioners living alone.



## Hot topics

Covid rates, recovery, renewal and looking ahead

Financial challenges

Devolution and decentralisation

Green and smart agendas (climate change, digital infrastructure)

Transport (support for aviation)

Housing and Planning

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## A bit about you

# Slido questions

- What are the key issues that you are currently dealing with?
  - Is there any support that you would like from the LGA?
  - Are there any key issues that you think would benefit from in terms of support from the LGA?
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# Q&A

**Thank you, good luck and keep  
in touch**

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