

Co-facilitating Member Development Sessions – Top Tips for Member Development Events

Cllr Bryony Rudkin – Deputy Leader, Ipswich Borough
Council and Regional Lead Member Peer, LGA

Paul Clarke – Programme Manager, LGA

Alison Edwards – Adviser, LGA

Our Support Offer

Available to all councils

Leadership programmes, corporate or finance peer challenges, communications support, productivity programmes, service based support, shared best practice, facilitated networking

Bespoke support

Working alongside councils providing tailored support to help them deal with specific local challenges – particularly governance, finance and organisational performance

Intensive and dedicated support

For councils facing the most significant budgetary or governance challenges

Community Leadership

- A programme of ‘blended learning’ which comprises councillor workbooks, e learning modules and ‘face to face’ sessions in council premises.
 - 24 workbooks.
 - 17 e-learning modules.
 - A range of topics delivered as sessions to councils.
 - Most of which are customised and adjusted to suit the needs of the councillors in the council where they are delivered.
 - Usually 2-3 hours in length. Often take place in the evening.
 - Part of the wider work of the Leadership and Localism team of the LGA and of the Sector Led Improvement offer to councils.
-

Leadership & Localism Team

political

Be a
Councillor

Community
Leadership

Leadership
Essentials
/
Focus on
Leadership

Next
Generation

Leadership
Academy

Leaders
Programme

Leadin
g Edge

Top
Team

managerial

ngdp

Local Government challenge

Solace
programmes

Modules

Commissioning the work

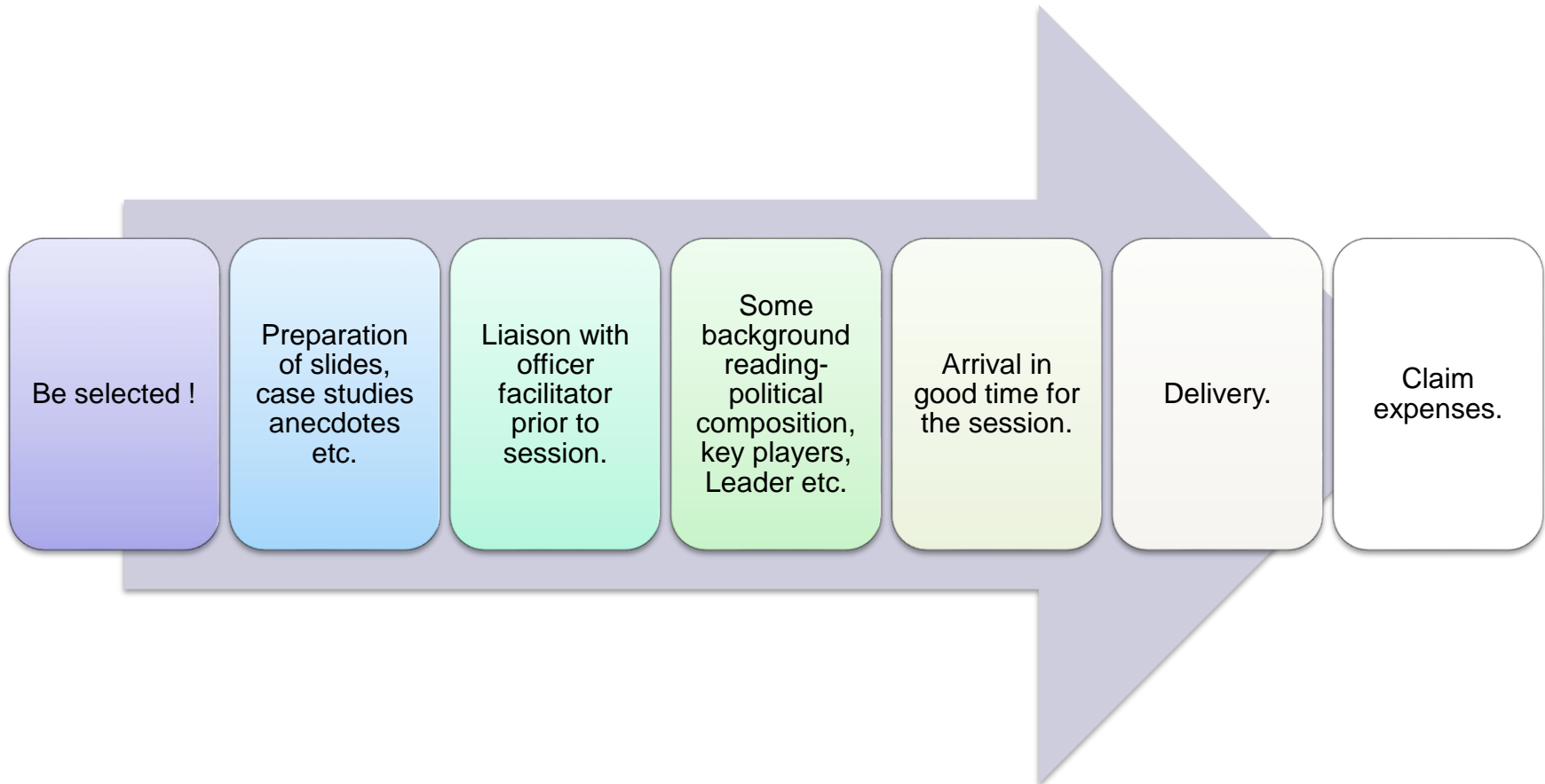
- **How:** Request to Principal Adviser and regional teams, Lead Peers, Political groups, Leadership Team.
- **Why:** Issues to address, developmental, exploration etc.
- **When asked for:** Change of control, political cycle, Peer Challenge etc.
- **Top Tip:** Scoped well and reap rewards, scope badly and it is likely to go badly.

Facilitation of Member Development sessions- what content?

- Chairing skills
 - Community engagement
 - Councillor/Officer relations
 - Effective meetings
 - Effective ward councillor
 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
 - Facilitation and conflict resolution
 - Influencing skills
 - Scrutiny
 - Social media
 - Stress management and personal resilience

 - And we are looking to deliver other topics too
-

Facilitation of sessions- what's involved?





Councillor Bryony Rudkin

A view from a peer

Top tips

- **Do**

- Make sure you can do all the dates you have offered to do.
- Provide content such as slides, case studies, photos, biographies.
- Talk to the officer peer about any 'council specific' issues you are being asked to deliver around.
- Arrive in good time for the session.
- Know where you are going... ie the location.
- Be clear about any hotel or car parking needs you might have.

- **Don't**

- Be late.
 - Forget to read the slide deck.
 - Change the slide deck after it has been agreed.
-

What else could we deliver?



- **Table discussion**
- We are always keen to deliver different topics in new or innovative ways
- What else could we deliver as part of our offer?
- Can the LGA support you in any new/different ways to help you deliver these well?
- What are your tables 4 top tips? 2 Do's and 2 Don't's



Any questions?



- Thank you for attending
 - We look forward to working with you!

 - Alison Edwards
 - Alison.Edwards@local.gov.uk
 - Paul Clarke
 - Paul.Clarke@local.gov.uk

 - Our Leadership Offer
 - <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/highlighting-political-leadership>
 - Community Leadership pages
 - <https://www.local.gov.uk/Community-Leadership>
-