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## NLGN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

### Power, Prosperity, Place

09:30 – 16:45, Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Livery Hall, Guildhall, 71 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 7HH

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**9.30 REGISTRATION AND MORNING COFFEE**

**10.00 WELCOME FROM CITY OF LONDON**

**John Barradell**, Town Clerk, City of London

**10.10 Introduction**

**Simon Parker**, Director NLGN

**10.30 PLACE MEANS PARTNERSHIPS**

**Chair: Dame Jane Roberts**, Chair, NLGN Board of Directors

Curating a holistic vision of a place can't be done by local authorities in a vacuum. Collaboration with other public sector agencies and private businesses must play a key role in the success of any strategy for building more successful places.

This panel will feature a discussion on collaboration and partnerships with representatives from partners that will determine the future of successful places. They will share their stories of success and the barriers they face when seeking greater collaboration and each provide us with an example of what they'd change to aid greater working partnerships going forward.

**Ravi Baghirathan**, Deputy Director, Strategy Group, NHS England

**Terrie Alafat**, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute of Housing

**Peter O'Reilly**, Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

**Mike Britch**, Managing Director, Norse Group

**11.45 COFFEE BREAK**

**12.15 KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Introduced by **Simon Parker: Melanie Dawes CB**, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities and Local Government

**13.00 LUNCH**

**13.45 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

## 1. Successful local economies

**Chair: Simon Parker**, Director, NLGN

The cuts have fallen disproportionately on pro-growth services in councils while large ticket items such as social care and street services have taken priority. As money gets tighter, councils have to focus on improving their local economic strategies.

How will this be done? Regeneration, productivity, inclusive growth? All of these and more are essential for the future of places. This session will examine the new ways councils and their partners are approaching growth strategies and developing a distinct vision for the economic future of their place.

**Cllr David Finch**, Leader, Essex County Council

**Gavin Jones**, Chief Executive, Essex County Council

**Sarah Reed**, Assistant Chief Executive, Sunderland

**Richard Watts**, Leader, London Borough of Islington

**Claire Hogan**, Head of Policy and Research, Knowsley MBC

**John Flaherty**, Executive Director of Place, Knowsley MBC

## 2. Citizen collaboration – new delivery and new solutions

**Chair: Jessica Studdert**, Deputy Director, NLGN

Many services currently delivered by councils might find new leases of life if brought closer to citizens themselves. New delivery models have made a vast difference in council's ability to deliver services such as parks and some street cleaning services. But could this be expanded in much more creative and ambitious ways?

For example, both welfare and skills services have long been ripe for improvement and the devolution agenda has done much to advance the opinion that it is councils, with their knowledge of their communities' fragilities, needs and talents, who are best placed to create new welfare and workforce settlements for areas. Any new settlement for the future must involve charities, businesses and communities all making a greater contribution to overcome local socio-economic disadvantage. But how will we achieve this? What is already working well? And how do we tackle apathy?

**Nick Temple**, Deputy Chief Exec, Social Enterprise UK

**Karl Wilding**, Director of Public Policy, NCVO

**Matthew Pike**, CEO, Collective Impact Fund

**Sean Harris**, Chief Executive, Lambeth

**Sue Ireland**, Director of Open Spaces, City of London Corporation

**14.45 COFFEE BREAK**

**15.15 OTHER VOICES**

**Chair: Emma Burnell**, Head of External Affairs, NLGN

Politics is changing and the certainties of class-based politics are falling away. What is the effect of this on traditional party politics? While we might not see the effect of this in the make-up of Parliament, at a local level you are more likely to see other parties and independents represented in large numbers.

This panel will discuss the effect of place and localism on traditional party politics at a local level and what it might mean for the future at a national level.

**Marianne Overton MBE**, Leader of the LGA Independent Group

**Cllr Sue Derbyshire**, Leader of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

**Sian Berry**, Green Party Candidate for London Mayor

**16.00 THE POWER OF PLACE**

**Chair: Simon Parker**, Director, NLGN

Recent polling conducted by Ipsos Mori and NLGN found that the public know little about the “devolution revolution”. This survey showed that three quarters of people know little or nothing about plans to devolve power to a local level.

While on the whole the public is supportive of the need to devolve power to local level and are four times as likely to trust local than national politicians, abiding concerns about variations in services – so-called “postcode lotteries” persist. The public are not yet where we would like them to be on the merits of devolution.

This session will explore public attitudes in more depth and examine what arguments might be used to further persuade the public of the case for greater devolution, local decision making and greater fiscal autonomy.

**Ben Page**, Chief Executive, Ipsos Mori

**Jessica Studdert**, Deputy Director, NLGN

**Heather Jameson**, Editor, The MJ

**Tony Travers**, Professor, LSE Department of Local Government

**17.00 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE**