



Yesterday's CSR gives us the clearest picture yet of the scale of the funding challenge for local government. It amounts to 26% of reduction in grant to local government, with regeneration and housing particularly squeezed. Over the coming months we'll be making sense of the numbers, starting to understand local government's response and pressing ministers to provide localities with the flexibility to manage the cuts. [Click here for our briefing on today's announcement.](#)

Best wishes,
Simon Parker, Director, NLGN Simon.Parker@nlgn.org.uk

New Green Paper for consultation

Ahead of the Government's Local Government Finance Review, NLGN is planning to publish a short report on localising Fees, Charges and Fines. We welcome your comments before publishing in November. [DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

Closing date for responses is 5th Nov 2010.

The next generation of shared services—project update

This project is now getting underway with kind support from Bevan Brittan, Capgemini and SAP. NLGN aims to develop a new generation of models for sharing services and outline how these can be sourced, procured and implemented. If you are interested in hearing more, submitting a case study or would like to attend a research seminar (2 December, London and 7 December, Manchester) then please email [Olivier Roth](#).



Fringes at the party conferences

Again we had great turn out at our fringe events this year. Our Innovation Network Drinks Receptions celebrated innovation in local government with keynote speakers: Andrew Stunell MP; Rt Hon John Denham MP; Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP and Bob Neill MP. Whilst our smaller fringe breakfasts and debates focused on The New Financial Era for Local Public Services and Tackling Climate Change in Communities both of which feed into our current workstreams. Thanks to all our speakers and partners who supported our events. Looking ahead to next year, if you would like to discuss involvement or would like to nominate any speakers please do get in touch with [James Kirkland](#).



Upcoming LGC&NLGN conferences

[Future of Public Sector Partnerships](#) looks at attracting, funding and maintaining partnerships in the new political and financial climate - speakers include Helen Bailey, HM Treasury and John Tizard, CPSP. [Commercialising Income Generation](#) provides an opportunity to assess the impact of the CSR announcement and looks at taking an entrepreneurial approach to optimising income - we have a *very limited number of places* that are available to our partners - please email [James Kirkland](#) to express your interest in attending.



Networks

As the nights are drawing in I know that both local government and private sector partners are busy planning budgets for next year. As we now know the scale of the challenge facing us, there is a clear need to gather together everyone's talents and find the best solutions. We're clear that NLGN's unique structure will play a vital role in that, and I'll be canvassing your opinions in the coming weeks on what you want us to provide and where you want to see us leverage our independence and research for your benefit.

Innovation Blog



Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) are the talk of the town
Nick Hope, Senior Researcher

Fringe Events

[IN Seminar: Democratic accountability & the Police](#)
 10.30-12.00pm | November 16, 2010

[LGC&NLGN conference – The Future of Public Sector Partnerships](#)
 November 17

[Report launch event: Tackling Climate Change through Communities](#)
 November 23

[LGC&NLGN conference – Commercialising Income Generation in the Public Sector](#)
 December 9

Current Research

[Tackling Climate Change through Communities](#)

[Influencing the Demand for Public Services: the future of service delivery](#)

[The next generation of Shared Services](#)

Recent Articles

[Getting the housing in order](#)
 Tom Symons, Projectdatafile

[The shock of the new](#)
 Simon Parker, Public Finance

NLGN in the News

[LAA abolition given cautious welcome by local leaders](#)
 Public Finance

[Shadow local government team named](#)
 Public Finance

[Flint appointed shadow local government secretary](#)
 Public Finance

[Five things you may have missed](#)
 New Start

[Courts to deal with Councillor malpractice](#)
 The MJ

[Plans to restrict council newspapers are slammed](#)
 Public Finance

[Local councils are facing a new frontier](#)
 The Guardian

Forthcoming Research Papers

- *Fragmenting Democracy*
- *Re-thinking Local Government Finance*
- *Communities in Charge*

Research Opportunities

- *Integrating Health and Social Care*
- *Filling the Gaps in the Planning System*
- *Life after the spending cuts: Envisaging local government in 2015*
- *Service Reform Dialogues: re-imagining the horizons of public services*

We are eager to hear from members in both the public and private sectors with an interest in supporting current and future projects.

Please contact Nigel Keohane at nigel.keohane@nlgn.org.uk for further information, or to offer case studies and evidence from your organisation.

