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“ We have had a period of evolution, we are delivering devolution, now you need to get ready for the revolution ”

Phil Woolas MP

Minister for Local Government and Community Cohesion, DCLG
December 2006

6th Annual A New Era for Devolution LSP Conference 2007

**Thursday 14 June 2007
The Brit Oval, London SE11**

Local Government faces a challenge to turn new LSP proposals set out in the Local Government Bill into reality. LSPs will provide the forum for setting the strategic vision for an area, for capturing that vision in the Sustainable Community Strategy, and for agreeing priorities for improvement in the Local Area Agreement. Delivering real devolution is dependent on strong local leadership and the involvement of communities in recognising and tackling local priorities.

This conference will reflect on the Government's forthcoming agenda for LSPs and discuss taking forward the agenda for advancing and developing their role. Bringing together key stakeholders engaged in the delivery of LSPs, this core annual conference, now in its 6th year, attracts over 250 delegates and is a must attend event in the communities calendar.

Ministerial address:

Phil Woolas MP

Minister for Local Government and Community Cohesion at Communities and Local Government



Speakers include:

Sir Simon Milton

Chair of Improvement Board, LGA and Leader of Westminster Council

Campbell Robb

Director General Office of the Third Sector, Cabinet Office

Irene Lucas

Chief Executive, South Tyneside Council

Joe Simpson

Director of Partnerships and Relationships, Leadership Centre for Local Government

Stuart Etherington

Chief Executive, NCVO

Caroline Downs

Chief Executive, Shropshire Council

Irene Payne

Strategic Advisor, IDeA

David Galliers

Coventry Partnership Development Manager and Learning to Deliver Programme Manager, West Midlands LGA

Chaired by:

Chris Leslie

Director, NLGN

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09:15 Registration and Refreshments

Session One:

10:00 Chair's welcome

Chris Leslie, Director, NLGN

10:05 Promoting local wellbeing: Advancing the role of the LSP

Irene Payne, Strategic Advisor, IDeA

10:25 Living up to the White Paper? Measuring the success of your LSP in relation to recent policy change

Joe Simpson, Director of Partnerships and Relationships, Leadership Centre for Local Government

10:45 Ministerial Address

Phil Woolas MP, Minister for Local Government and Community Cohesion at Communities and Local Government

11:05 Questions and discussion

11:15 Networking refreshment break

Session Two:

11:45 Managing the performance of partnership work

David Galliers, Coventry Partnership Development Manager and Learning to Deliver Programme Manager, West Midlands LGA

- Performance Management for improved services
- Identifying improvement needs – what and where?
- Deciding what to do and how to do it
- Looking for success
- Strategic implications

12:05 Questions and Discussion

12:15 Panel Session:
The Duties? What do they really mean for LSPs and the Community

Chaired by:

Chris Leslie, Director, NLGN

Panellists Include:

Representative from a PCT to be confirmed

Irene Lucas, Chief Executive, South Tyneside Council

Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive, NCVO

- Legislating for Health and Wellbeing Partnerships under LSPs
- Duty to cooperate – driving forward efficiencies
- How can we help?
- Consulting and involving communities and citizens

13:00 Networking and buffet lunch

Session Three:

14:00 "Partnership of Partnerships": Effectively involving the Third Sector

Campbell Robb, Director General, Office of the Third Sector, Cabinet Office

- Third sector representation on LSPs – Standards for establishing involvement and representation

14:20 Enhancing political accountability: Placing political leadership and democratic engagement at the heart of devolved localism

Sir Simon Milton, Chair of Improvement Board, LGA and Leader of Westminster Council

- Agreeing appointments of LSP Chairs
- Leading thematic groups
- Cross thematic working

14:40 Panel session – Preparing LSPs for 2008, the year ahead?

(Delegates are encouraged to pre-submit questions to Isp@neilstewartassociates.co.uk)

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Chris Leslie, Director, NLGN

Panellists will be joined by:

Caroline Downs, Chief Executive, Shropshire Council

Session Four: Seminars

15:30 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the four listed below. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to maximum numbers. Each session will hear the perspectives of a variety of experts in the field, and provide an extended platform for interactive questions and discussion. Refreshments will be served in the seminar rooms.

Seminar 1

Improving collaboration: Place shaping, planning and partnership

Rynd Smith, Head of Policy and Practice, RTPI

- Creating coherence across SCS, LDFs and other area plans
- Responding to and addressing local challenges in a coordinated way
- Streamlining procedures for involving communities in planning

Seminar 2

Streamlining funding

Peter Smith, Policy Manager, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham

- Securing area based funding streams
- 'Single Pot' for all areas
- Linking performance management to funding
- Commissioning services through the VCS

Seminar 3

Developing better planning: Utilising scrutiny to enhance leadership, improve performance and engage local people

Jo Dungey, Policy Analyst, Local Government Information Unit

- Enhance the democratic leadership of partnerships
- Help to build, not undermine, effective partnership work
- Add value, and work towards positive recommendations and improvements
- Improve the performance of partnerships
- Widen the conversation, engaging local people including service users

Seminar 4

Embedding community cohesion in LSPs

Councillor Neil Wilson, Equalities and Social Inclusion Forum, London Borough of Newham

- Investigate the implications of the White Paper
- Explain how working towards more cohesive communities adds value to and complements the work of LSPs
- Explore how LSPs can help shape and influence community cohesion
- Tackling extremism as an LSPs core business

16:30 Close of Conference

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Purpose of Conference

- Explore the implications of the White Paper on LSPs and how the role of the LSPs can be advanced to promote and enhance local wellbeing
- Examine the role of Local Government in delivering the outcomes of the White Paper as a leader and place shaper through the mechanism of LSPs
- Consider the current Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill and how it may change the structure and direction of LSPs
- Discuss the mechanisms for appointing LSP Chairs and how councillors may best lead and co-ordinate across thematic groups
- Deliver ways of achieving robust performance management frameworks that can identify risks to delivery and improve real outcomes for local people
- Understand how LSPs can become the “Partnership of Partnerships” and act as the overarching strategic partnership for an area
- Following the “duty to cooperate”, realise how to actively involve other public bodies, but also third sector, private sector and members and organisation in the community
- Use LSPs to drive forward local government efficiencies, whilst improving local service delivery, in the light of the 2007 Comprehensive Spending Review
- Delegates can choose from a series of practical workshops including:
 - Improving collaboration: Place shaping, planning and partnership
 - Streamlining funding
 - Developing better planning: Utilising scrutiny to enhance leadership, improve performance and engage local people
 - Embedding community cohesion in LSPs
- Offer an opportunity to ask questions to best practice councils, in the lead up to 2008, who are at the forefront of LSP development
- Give you a chance to network with your fellow LSP stakeholders

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SEMINAR SELECTION





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- School Improvement
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- Communications
- Community & Partnership
- Culture, Media & Tourism
- Implementation
- Improvement
- Neighbourhood Partnerships
- Policy
- Strategy

Cabinet and Executive Members

Councillors

Chairs and Representative from LSPs

Chairs and Representatives from Overview & Scrutiny Committees

Partnership Coordinators and Managers

LAA Managers

Community Development and Planning Managers

Community Strategy and Partnerships Managers

Neighbourhood Renewal Funding Teams

Regeneration Officers and Partnerships

Access Planning Managers

Businesses working with LSPs/ Local Authorities

Children Centre Services

Civil Servants

Corporate Managers

Crime and Disorder Partnerships

Chief Constables

Chief Superintendents

Environment Improvement Managers

Government Offices

Audit Commission

Mayors

Team Leaders

Voluntary and Community Groups