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## ANNUAL 2007

# RESOURCING LOCALISM: LYONS, CSR AND BEYOND

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January 2007, QEII Conference Centre, London SW1



**PHIL WOOLAS MP**

Minister for Local Government and Community Cohesion



**CAROLINE SPELMAN MP**

Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

2007 is set to be a crucial year for local government. Legislation is to follow the Local Government White Paper. The Lyons Review will report and this will lead into the Chancellor's Comprehensive Spending Review, which will be the most radical rethink of Government's spending priorities in ten years.

Such a time of change presents central and local government with a real opportunity to deliver effective devolution. However, devolving power from the centre is fraught with difficulties, often resulting in either too little power or often a lack of join-up between policies. The fifth NLGN Annual Conference brings together Phil Woolas MP, Minister for Local Government and Community Cohesion, with other senior Government speakers to look ahead and ask what are the opportunities and challenges in the coming year, including new financial settlements.

Speakers include:

**LORD SANDY BRUCE-LOCKHART** Chairman, Local Government Association

**MICHAEL O'HIGGINS** Chair, Audit Commission

**BARRY QUIRK** Chair, SOLACE, Chief Executive London Borough of Lewisham

**STEPHEN BUBB** Chief Executive, ACEVO

**DR NEIL BENTLEY** Director of Public Services, CBI

**GEOFF MULGAN** Director, Young Foundation

**TRISTRAM HUNT** Lecturer, Queen Mary, University of London

**PAUL COEN** Chief Executive, Local Government Association

**NICHOLAS BOLES** Director, Policy Exchange

**OONAGH BLACKMAN** Political Editor, The Mirror

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# DAY ONE

WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2007

## AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

08:30 Registration and Refreshments

### SESSION ONE: WHITE PAPER AND BEYOND

09:45 Welcome and Introduction from  
Conference Chair

**Oonagh Blackman**, Political Editor, The Mirror

09:55 Are We All Localist Now?

**Chris Leslie**, Director,  
New Local Government Network

10:10 2007: A Landmark Year for Devolving Power to  
People and Places?

**Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart**, Chairman,  
Local Government Association

10:30 Keynote Speech

**Phil Woolas MP**, Minister for Local Government  
and Community Cohesion

11:00 Questions and Discussion

11:10 Refreshments and Exhibition

### SESSION TWO: LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITIES

11:40 Does the Political and Executive Relationship  
Need to Change?

**Barry Quirk**, Chief Executive  
**Steve Bullock**, Mayor, London Borough  
of Lewisham

12:00 Can Local Leadership Deliver Collective  
Decision Making?

**Cllr Hazel Harding**, Leader,  
Lancashire County Council

12:15 Panel: Local Government –  
Do We Lead or Empower?

**Joe Simpson**, Director of Relationships and  
Partnerships, Centre for Leadership in  
Local Government  
**Cllr James Kempton**, Leader,  
London Borough of Islington  
**Ged Fitzgerald**, Chief Executive,  
Sunderland City Council

12:50 Buffet Lunch

### SEMINARS: DELIVERING LOCALISM

13:50 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar  
from the three listed below. The seminars are  
based on case studies and are designed to be  
interactive.

1. Can Neighbourhoods Policy Deliver  
Real Freedoms?

**Geoff Mulgan**, Director, Young Foundation  
**Henry Tam**, Head of the Community  
Empowerment Unit, Communities and  
Local Government

**Alison Seabeck MP**, Chair, Local Government  
All Party Parliamentary Group

2. Developing a New Approach to Elected Mayors

**Steve Bullock**, Mayor of Lewisham  
**Nicholas Boles**, Director, Policy Exchange  
**Tristram Hunt**, Lecturer, Queen Mary,  
University of London

3. Are LAAs and LSPs the Future of  
Service Delivery?

**James Blake**, Head of Local Agreements  
and Partnerships, Communities and  
Local Government  
**Andy Ford**, Head of Local Government,  
Pricewaterhouse Cooper  
**Rob Whiteman**, Chief Executive,  
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

14:40 Refreshments and Exhibition

### SESSION THREE: RESOURCING LOCALISM

15:10 Resourcing Localism

**Dick Sorabji**, Head of Policy,  
New Local Government Network

15:30 Keynote Address

**Caroline Spelman MP**, Shadow Secretary of  
State for Communities and Local Government

16:00 Questions and Discussion

16:15 Looking to Day Two

**Chris Leslie**, Director,  
New Local Government Network

16:30 Close of Day One



## DAY TWO

### THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2007

#### AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

08:30 Registration and Refreshments

#### SESSION FOUR: FORWARD PROJECTIONS

09:30 Opening Comments from Chair  
**David Hencke**, Westminster Correspondent,  
The Guardian

09:40 The Challenges and Opportunities of the  
Comprehensive Spending Review  
**Chris Leslie**, Director,  
New Local Government Network

10:00 Keynote Address  
**Senior Government Politician**

10:30 Questions and Discussion

10:45 Refreshments and Exhibition

#### SESSION FIVE: FIT FOR PURPOSE?

11:15 Future of Inspection and Performance Review  
**Michael O'Higgins**, Chair, Audit Commission

11:35 Capacity Building  
**Paul Coen**, Chief Executive,  
Local Government Association

11:55 Question and Discussion

12:05 Panel Debate:  
Is Local Government 'fit for purpose' in terms  
of convening and commissioning partnerships  
for service delivery?  
**Dr Neil Bentley**, Director of Public Services, CBI  
**Stephen Bubb**, Chief Executive, ACEVO

12:35 Questions and Discussion

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“It is right that local councils, not Whitehall, should have more power over the things that matter to their community ... and strengthening of local councils and local communities is what we must now do.”

**Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP** Sept 06

“There is a growing realisation in our country that many decisions that are now made centrally would be better made locally.”

**Rt Hon David Cameron MP** July 06

### Feedback from last year's NLGN Annual Conference

“Great speakers – important and influential people who are actually driving the agenda. Excellent.”

“Good event to come to at the start of the year – attendance list was also impressive. Thank you.”

“Even better than I was anticipating – much food for thought.”



12:45 **Third Sector Review and Local Government**  
Speaker to be confirmed

13:00 **Questions and Discussion**

13:15 **Buffet Lunch**

#### **SEMINARS: ECONOMICS OF LOCALISM**

14:15 Delegates should choose to attend one seminar from the three listed below. The seminars are based on case studies and are designed to be interactive.

4. **Efficiency and Changing Ways of Working**  
**Simon Ridley**, Head of Local Government, HM Treasury  
**Sue Reid**, Head of Modernisation and Efficiency, Communities and Local Government

5. **Place Shaping**  
**Tom Riordan**, Chief Executive, Yorkshire Forward  
**Sir Bob Kerlake**, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council

6. **Private, Public and Third Sector Working**  
**Ian Keys**, Marketing and Partnership Director, Pinnacle and Representative, Public Services Strategy Board  
**Baroness Glenys Thornton**, Chair, Social Enterprise Coalition

#### **SESSION SIX: WILL LOCALISM DELIVER?**

15:00 **Can Government Ever Devolve Effectively?**  
**Tony Travers**, Director, Greater London Group, London School of Economics

15:15 **Political Panel - Is there the political will to deliver effective localism?**  
**Dr Phyllis Starkey MP**, Chair, Communities and Local Government Select Committee  
**Andrew Stunell MP**, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Communities and Local Government  
**Cllr Sir Simon Milton**, Leader, Westminster Council

16:00 **Chair's Closing Comments**

16:10 **Close of Conference**

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## Purpose of the Conference

Local government is vital to public service improvement and to our communities. Strong local leadership can promote collective decision making right down to community level. It also can drive local economic growth and enterprise.

Specifically at the conference you will:

- Review a landmark year for central/local relations and consider the associated opportunities as you look ahead to 2007 and beyond
- Hear how the **Comprehensive Spending Review** will impact on local authorities and its stakeholders
- Review the **Local Government White Paper** and **forthcoming legislation** on Local Government
- Consider potential **outcomes** from the **Lyons Review**
- Hear from central government their future vision for **central/local relations**
- Consider the latest thinking on the new **performance framework** and anticipate future changes
- Review the level of **devolution** – how can you offer your neighbourhoods support to realise any freedoms? What are the associated benefits to your organisation?
- Review **new ways of working** to continue to successfully meet efficiency targets
- Debate the **future of service delivery** through partnerships and agreements, including **multi-area agreements**
- Review potential opportunities for **convening and commissioning** private and third sector organisations to provide services
- **Network** with a senior level local authority audience and representatives from partner organisations at the major local government event

## Sponsorship Opportunities

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### From Local Authorities:

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- Assistant Chief Executives
- Leaders and Mayors
- Cabinet/Executive Members
- Councillors
- Directors of Corporate Strategy and Policy
- Heads of Service
- Heads of Strategy
- Heads of Finance and Procurement
- Local Strategic Partnership Board Members
- Local Strategic Partnership Managers
- Performance Managers
- Corporate Improvement Managers
- Corporate Development Managers
- Efficiency Managers
- Business Process Re-engineering Managers
- Business Transformation Managers
- Value for Money Managers
- Democratic Services Managers
- Heads of Scrutiny
- Economic Development Managers
- Service Development Managers
- Communications and Marketing Managers
- Community Empowerment Managers
- Social Exclusion Managers
- Community Cohesion Managers
- Community Development Officers
- Neighbourhood Managers
- Policy and Research Officers

### Other:

- Public Service Managers
- Private Sector Partners and Consultants to Local Government
- Voluntary and Community Sector
- Regional Development Agencies
- Regional Assembly Members and Officers
- Government Offices
- Civil Servants
- Academics
- Think Tanks

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