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# MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN OF NALC

I am delighted to welcome you to NALC's Annual Conference 2018, our biggest for many years.

Special thanks to everyone who has helped make this year's conference happen, especially our speakers and exhibitors including headline sponsors BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA.

Over the last year the local council sector has had some great achievements. From continuing to give communities a voice and improving life for residents, stepping up to respond to changing needs and taking on new services, and working together to secure important changes to finance and data protection rules.

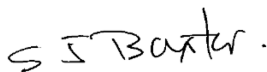
During the next two days we should rightly recognise and celebrate what you do, share information and learn from each other, and grow our knowledge and skills.

But we must also look ahead and shape our future, which is the theme running through this year's conference.

NALC has taken the opportunity to use the challenges of Brexit and local government funding reductions to undertake a stock take of where the sector is now, how it sees itself and its future and how others perceive it and view its potential. We want this big conversation to help develop a new vision for the role of local councils and the support and change needed to achieve this. What's the future of local councils? is the essay question we have posed to presenters and we want your views too over the course of the conference.

Next year is set to be a huge one for the local council sector and one that could transform our communities and the face of localism and we want this conference to shape that agenda.

Have a great conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S S Baxter'.



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# MESSAGE FROM BHIB COUNCILS INSURANCE

BHIB Councils Insurance extends a warm welcome to all delegates, members, speakers and local councils to the NALC Annual Conference 2018.

We are proud to be the official insurance partner to NALC, sponsor of the Annual Conference and headline sponsor of the Star Council Awards 2018. We hope the next two days provide you with useful insight, advice and ideas to help support your local communities.

BHIB Insurance Brokers has been delivering expert insurance and risk management advice and solutions to a range of clients within a number of different sectors across the UK for the last 50 years, supporting a wide range of organisations in the public, private and charity sectors, as well as a variety of membership organisations and associations.

Last year, we partnered with NALC and are committed to helping local councils with their insurance needs. Our relationship with NALC has developed and enabled us to establish and maintain relationships with a number of county associations.

There have been some critical issues facing local councils in the

past year, with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), corporate governance, diversity and succession, and cyber issues, all major topics of discussion.

It's great to see NALC working tirelessly to educate, inform and affect change for members across the country.

This year's Annual Conference theme on shaping the future for local councils will also be the chance to discuss and debate the role of local councils in a post-Brexit Britain and what that role might be for local councils across England. We will continue our support for NALC and the local councils sector as these important areas develop.

Like NALC, our roots are firmly placed within the local communities in which we operate, and we feel this offers the perfect platform to help make us the number one provider for local councils insurance and risk management.

We look forward to meeting you at our exhibition stand, or during our workshop on cyber crime, and engaging proactively with as many of you as possible to deliver insurance and risk management needs for sector.

# DAY ONE

12.30 – 13.30	Registration and lunch Welcome to exhibitors (12.00 – 12.15) Welcome to first time delegates (13.00 – 13.15)
13.30 – 14.00	Conference opening and plenary (see page 9)
14.00 – 14.30	<b>Plenary session:</b> Mayor James Palmer (see page 10)
14.30 – 15.00	<b>Plenary session:</b> Lord Gary Porter (see page 10)
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Keynote speaker:</b> Andrew Gwynne MP (see page 11)
15.30 – 16.00	Break
16.00 – 17.00	<b>Workshop A:</b> Male, pale and stale (see page 12) <b>Workshop B:</b> Harnessing local knowledge (see page 13) <b>Workshop C:</b> Partnership working (see page 14) <b>Workshop D:</b> Embracing GDPR (see page 15) <b>NALC:</b> County officers forum <b>Fringe session:</b> Energy Saving Trust (see page 27)
17.00 – 18.00	<b>Workshop A:</b> Male, pale and stale (see page 12) <b>Workshop B:</b> Harnessing local knowledge (see page 13) <b>Workshop C:</b> Partnership working (see page 14) <b>Workshop E:</b> Campaign smarter (see page 16) <b>NALC:</b> County officers forum
19.00 – 19.30	Drinks reception (sponsored by Milton Keynes Council)
19.30 – 22.00	NALC Star Council Awards and dinner (see page 26)

# DAY TWO

08.30 – 09.30	<b>NALC:</b> Annual General Meeting <b>NALC:</b> National Assembly <b>Fringe session:</b> Radioactive Waste Management
09.30 – 10.15	<b>Keynote speaker:</b> Rishi Sunak MP ( <a href="#">see page 11</a> )
10.15 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.00	<b>Workshop F:</b> Funding for local councils ( <a href="#">see page 17</a> ) <b>Workshop G:</b> Right to Build ( <a href="#">see page 18</a> ) <b>Workshop H:</b> Engaging with your community ( <a href="#">see page 19</a> ) <b>Workshop I:</b> United against dementia ( <a href="#">see page 20</a> ) <b>Workshop J:</b> Council communications ( <a href="#">see page 21</a> )
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Workshop F:</b> Funding for local councils ( <a href="#">see page 17</a> ) <b>Workshop H:</b> Engaging with your community ( <a href="#">see page 19</a> ) <b>Workshop K:</b> The Tree Charter ( <a href="#">see page 22</a> ) <b>Workshop L:</b> Cyber crime ( <a href="#">see page 23</a> ) <b>Workshop M:</b> The Big Spring Clean ( <a href="#">see page 24</a> )
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	<b>Plenary panel:</b> The Big Conversation ( <a href="#">see page 25</a> )
15.00 – 16.00	Conference closing and plenary Prize draw

# SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS



# CONFERENCE OPENING AND PLENARY

30 October | 13.30 – 14.00 | Ballroom

## **Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of NALC**

@suejbaxter

Cllr Baxter was elected as NALC's first female chairman in December 2016. She is also chairman of Wythall Parish Council in Worcestershire and an independent member of Bromsgrove District Council. She believes that local people understand the needs of their area best and by making decisions about the services they value, they can build stronger and thriving communities.

## **Jonathan Owen, chief executive at NALC**

@NALCchiefexec

Dr Owen has been chief executive of NALC since April 2014, having previously held roles at Ipswich Borough Council, London Borough of Havering and Suffolk County Council. He has extensive experience of lobbying MPs, peers, civil servants on local government matters.

## **Brian Brookes, risk manager at BHIB Councils Insurance**

@BrianBrookes

Mr Brookes has a vast amount of experience in insurance, having investigated claims for companies such as McDonald's, Next and BP. He previously spent 12 years as the insurance manager at Leicester City Council and two years as head of insurance at the University of Warwick.

## **Cllr Martin Petchey, mayor of Milton Keynes**

@MartinPetchey

Mr Petchey is currently a councillor at Campbell Park Parish Council, having previously chaired for three years. He was born and bred in Barking, London before moving to Oxford and Durham, where he studied history and archaeology.

# PLENARY SESSIONS

30 October | 14.00 – 14.30 | Ballroom

## **James Palmer, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**

@MayorJPalmer

Mayor Palmer was elected mayor in May 2017. He was previously a district and county councillor, serving as leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council from May 2013 to May 2017. His combined authority area is one of the most economically dynamic and fastest growing regions in the UK. His ambitions are to sustain and enhance that growth into the future and open up opportunities to more people.

## **Lord Gary Porter of Spalding CBE, chairman of the Local Government Association (LGA)**

@garyporterlga

Lord Porter was elected chairman of the LGA in June 2015 and was made a life peer in the 2015 dissolution peerages list. He was first elected to South Holland District Council in June 2001 and re-elected in 2003, and later that year elected leader.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

30 October | 15.00 – 15.30 | Ballroom

## **Andrew Gwynne MP, shadow secretary of state for communities and local government**

@GwynneMP

Mr Gwynne was first appointed shadow secretary of state for communities and local government in June 2017. He previously served as shadow minister without portfolio (Cabinet Office) from October 2016 to June 2017, shadow health minister from October 2011 to June 2016 and shadow transport minister from October 2010 to October 2011.

31 October | 09.30 – 10.15 | Ballroom

## **Rishi Sunak MP, parliamentary under-secretary of state at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)**

Mr Sunak was appointed parliamentary under-secretary at the MHCLG in January 2018 and was elected Conservative MP for Richmond, Yorkshire. Before his political career, he co-founded an investment firm and used that experience to help small and entrepreneurial British companies grow.

# WORKSHOP A: MALE, PALE AND STALE

What do local councils look like in 2018? Handy tips on how your council can reach the wider depths of its community and NALC's Diversity Commission will give updates on the work they've done in the last year.

30 October | 16.00 – 17.00 and 17.00 – 18.00 | Enterprise

**Cllr Clare Horrocks, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council**  
@CKHorrocks

Cllr Horrocks was first elected to Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council in May 2016 and subsequently re-elected in May 2018. She is a member of NALC's Larger Councils Committee and is a keen champion for more diversity within our communities.

# WORKSHOP B: HARNESSING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

One-stop-shop on how local councils can become more equipped through using digital mapping, websites and social media.

30 October | 16.00 – 17.00 and 17.00 – 18.00 | Explorer

## **Tristram Cary, chairman of GeoXphere**

@GeoXphere

Since 2006, Mr Cary has promoted web-based mapping systems to make geospatial data more useful to a wider range of non-specialist users. Prior to his current role, he was chairman of the National Remote Sensing Centre.

## **Chris Makin, sales director at Pear Technology**

@PearTechnology

Mr Makin has been with Pear Technology for over a decade, in this time he has helped support a growing number of customers within the sector in the provision of easy to use map editing software backed-up by a full map preparation and technical support service.

## **Ralph Coleman, sales director at Bluesky**

@Ralph\_bluesky

Mr Coleman joined Bluesky in 2000. After initially focussing on sales in the public sector, he joined the management team to help drive Bluesky's growth. Now, as sales director, he leads a team delivering geospatial products and services to customers across a diverse range of markets.

# WORKSHOP C: PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Principal authorities and local councils are at the heart of our local communities, sharing the same ambitions: to create prosperous places, enhance civic life and improve the quality of life for our residents. NALC and the LGA have published the *One Community* guide, setting out a series of core principles and explaining how, by partnering with different levels of local government, councils can be more representative of place, more responsive to citizens, more efficient in continuing to deliver services, and hence more able to fulfil their common purpose.

30 October | 16.00 – 17.00 and 17.00 – 18.00 | Voyager

## **Andrew Tubb, policy advisor at NALC**

@CirenTC

Mr Tubb joined NALC in 2016 on a part-time secondment but his day-to-day role sees him as chief executive of Cirencester Town Council. He has worked closely with the LGA on joint working between the tiers of local government, culminating in the publication of the *One Community* guide.

## **Aline Delawa, managing director at The Campaign Company**

@campaigncompany

Ms Delawa leads on public consultation and hard to reach engagement, with over 20 years' experience working in the public, political and voluntary sectors. She has developed a number of innovative engagement approaches.

## **Cllr Terry Baines, chairman at Campbell Park Parish Council**

@CllrTerrybaines

Cllr Baines was first elected in 2014. He has developed an interest in planning, which he continues following his election to Milton Keynes Council. He promotes and supports the sector.

# WORKSHOP D: EMBRACING GDPR

With the GDPR described as a journey, not a destination by Elizabeth Denham, information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), this workshop will arm you with everything you need to work towards compliance.

30 October | 16.00 – 17.00 | Ballroom

## **Stacey Egerton, senior policy officer at the ICO**

@ICOnews

Ms Egerton joined the ICO in 2012 and is currently a senior policy officer within the Public Services Team of the ICO's Engagement Department. She leads the stakeholder engagement for local government, specialising in multi-agency information sharing and risk management. Over recent months she has worked very closely with the local council sector in relation to the new data protection legislation, focusing particularly on the issues and challenges being faced by the sector and improving overall compliance.

## **Gill Dickson, senior policy officer at the ICO**

@ICOnews

Ms Dickson joined the ICO earlier this year as a senior policy officer within the Public Services Team of the ICO's Engagement Department. She currently engages with the education and local government sectors, particularly around issues of safeguarding.

# WORKSHOP E: CAMPAIGN SMARTER

Engaging with your MP around local issues is vital for your local council to drive change in your community. The Houses of Parliament Outreach team will be giving you an insight to how parliament works, including information on bills, legislation, petitions and top tips on how to keep up to date with the latest news coming from parliament. The workshop will also teach you about the role of MPs and how to effectively build links with them.

30 October | 17.00 – 18.00 | Pioneer

**Kerrie Carpenter, senior outreach officer at Houses of Parliament**  
@visitparliament

Ms Carpenter has a long career in public service, with 20 years working in secondary schools and acting as a pastoral lead and examiner. She has moved from the classroom to the Education Team in parliament.



# WORKSHOP F: FUNDING FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

Funding is a key issue for every council. Local councils are facing increasing pressures on their precepts while delivering more services than ever before. To deliver services under these circumstances local councils must diversify their funding streams and incomes. This workshop will give you an insight into how your local council can find alternative ways to raise money to fund services and local projects to benefit your community.

31 October | 11.00 – 12.00 and 12.00 – 13.00 | Ballroom

## **Mark Williams, clerk at Falmouth Town Council**

@FalmouthTownUK

NALC's Star Council Awards 2017, Clerk of the Year winner, Mr Williams was appointed the clerk at Falmouth Town Council, Cornwall in 2003. He has overseen the restructure and growth of the council to one of the largest in the country, leading in the devolution of services to the community level.

## **Ed Gairdner, chief operating officer at The Good Exchange**

@GairdnerEd

Mr Gairdner is a chief operating officer at The Good Exchange. He spent twelve years in the British army. Since leaving, he has held project management, security and operational roles in business and cloud-based software organisations.

# WORKSHOP G: RIGHT TO BUILD

The Right to Build Task Force has been established to help principal authorities, community groups and other organisations across the UK deliver large, affordable custom and self build projects. This workshop will help local councils get more out of the right to build for their communities.

31 October | 11.00 – 12.00 | Explorer

**Richard Bacon MP, ambassador for Right to Build Task Force**  
@richardbaconmp

Mr Bacon is the Conservative MP for South Norfolk. He established the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Self-Build, Custom and Community Housebuilding and Place-Making, and steered through parliament a Private Member's Bill, which became the Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015. He is now the ambassador for the Right to Build Task Force, focusing on implementing the Right to Build legislation.

# WORKSHOP H: ENGAGING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Have you got what it takes to be a community champion? The Company of Community Organisers is dedicated to developing leadership skills and is now training councillors to help lead their communities.

31 October | 11.00 – 12.00 and 12.00 – 13.00 | Voyager

**Jon Cousins, community organiser at the Company of Community Organisers (COLtd)**

@jonfcousins

Mr Cousins is currently community organiser at the COLtd, as well as director of Avalon Community Energy Limited – a renewables business. He was elected to Glastonbury Council in 2011 and became mayor of Glastonbury in 2016.

# WORKSHOP I: UNITED AGAINST DEMENTIA

NALC and county associations have been working with the Alzheimer's Society to combat dementia. This is your chance to hear about the work they are doing and what you can do to help.

31 October | 11.00 – 12.00 | Pioneer

## **Terry Martin, chief executive at the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)**

Mr Martin has been chief executive of KALC for over seven years. Prior to that, he spent 25 years in civil service working in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills – now the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

## **Sally Copley, director of policy, campaigns and partnerships at the Alzheimer's Society** @SallyCopley

Before Alzheimer's Society, Ms Copley was Oxfam UK's head of policy, programmes and campaigns. She has worked for charities including Shelter and YWCA. Her work has involved co-producing national and local policy and campaigns, supporting local authorities to implement legislation, and leading and working in national partnerships and global coalitions.

# WORKSHOP J: COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Local councils are delivering more services than ever before and the need to communicate effectively has never been a more pressing issue for the sector. This workshop will look at how local councils can effectively communicate with their communities and will highlight different techniques your council can use in this digital age. Learn how you can be more productive with your council's social media channels, website and newsletters and how you can target your council's communications to effectively engage with your community.

31 October | 11.00 - 12.00 | Discovery

**Matt Nicholls, head of communications improvement at the LGA**  
@mattypn

Mr Nicholas has over a decades experience in local government communications and leads the LGA's work to help local councils better engage with residents. Previously, he was the LGA's head of media and also head of communications at Rochdale Council.

**Cllr Ken Eastwood, chairman of Oxenhope Parish Council**  
@keneastwood

Cllr Eastwood has worked in local government for 32 years. Previously, an assistant director at Barnsley MBC where he led on digital and innovation. As an organiser of training on the use of digital tools and social media, he has assisted several local councils to trial new ways of working.

# WORKSHOP K: THE TREE CHARTER

NALC has partnered with the Woodland Trust, National Union of Students (NUS) and the Tree Council to promote the Tree Charter, which sets out the principles for a society in which people and trees can stand strong together. Come along to the workshop to find out about how you can get involved with the Tree Charter and act locally to protect your trees and woodland.

31 October | 12.00 – 13.00 | Explorer

**Kaye Brennan, senior campaigner at the Woodland Trust**  
@campaignerkaye

Ms Brennan has worked at the Woodland Trust for 10 years and is leading the Tree Charter project. She campaigns because trees and woods deserve respect, support and investment. Together, we can make a real difference in the way they are valued and understood.

# WORKSHOP L: CYBER CRIME

Fraud and cyber crime are now the most common criminal offences within the UK and continue to become more elaborate. Come and join BHIB Councils Insurance to discuss the potential exposures local councils face, the consequences of becoming a victim and how you can proactively protect against them.

31 October | 12.00 – 13.00 | Pioneer

**Brian Brookes, risk manager at BHIB Councils Insurance**

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# WORKSHOP M: THE BIG SPRING CLEAN

The Great British Spring Clean is a campaign with a simple aim: to bring people across the country together to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and beaches. Each year, local councils from across the country organise events to encourage members of the community to get involved and take pride in where they live. Come along to this session to find out what Keep Britain Tidy has planned for 2019.

31 October | 11.00 – 12.00 | Discovery

**Nathalie Depledge, project manager at Keep Britain Tidy**  
@KeepBritainTidy

Ms Depledge is a strategic marketing and communications professional with ten years of experience working in health, education, charity and financial service sectors. She has an extensive portfolio of delivering marketing and public engagement campaigns and events in the UK and Australia. She joined Keep Britain Tidy in 2018 and is the project manager for the Great British Spring Clean.



# PLENARY PANEL: THE BIG CONVERSATION

As part of our big conversation on the future of local councils, NALC has asked a range of external people and organisations – including academia, think tanks and membership bodies – for their views. Through a series of roundtables. In this plenary panel you will hear more about how local councils are currently perceived and what their role should be in the future.

31 October | 14.00 – 15.00 | Ballroom

**Jonathan Flowers, chairman of the Improvement and Development Board**  
@jonathanflowers

Mr Flowers is a strategic adviser and non-exec who draws on more than 30 years of cross-sector experience. He is currently the independent chair of the Improvement and Development Board.

**Jonathan Werran, chief executive at Localis**  
@jonathanwerran

Mr Werran became chief executive for Localis in July 2018 after serving as head of news and events for the organisation. After five years as a reporter, commentator and features editor for The Municipal Journal, in 2015 he became the first strategic communications officer for the District Councils Network.

**Ruth Breidenbach-Roe, policy manager at Locality**  
@ruth\_broe

Ms Breidenbach-Roe is the policy manager at Locality, the national network supporting community organisations to be strong and successful. Ruth leads Locality's policy work around localism and devolution, including coordinating the Commission on the Future of Localism. Prior to Locality, she worked in parliamentary engagement for the NUS.

**Piali Das Gupta, head of policy at the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (Solace)**  
@PialiDG

Prior to joining Solace, she was an assistant chief executive at Birmingham City Council and a senior adviser on the policy team at the LGA. She also previously held senior posts with the Canadian government.

# STAR COUNCIL AWARDS

NALC's annual awards celebrate the positive impact local councils, councillors and county associations make to their communities, recognising the achievements of the local council sector. The awards will be the benchmark for good practice and excellence and the ultimate accolade for councils, councillors, county associations and clerks across England.

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## **Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of NALC**

@suejbaxter

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## **Ashwin Mistry OBE ACII, executive chairman of the Brokerbilty Group**

@AshwinMistry\_

Mr Mistry is the executive chairman of the Brokerbilty Group – a nationwide network of around 30 independent insurance broking businesses, including BHIB Councils Insurance. During his 40 year career, he was the president of The Chartered Insurance Institute and received an OBE for careers education services.

## **Cllr Moriah Priestley, cabinet member for economic development and community partnerships at Milton Keynes Council**

@moriahpriestley

Cllr Priestley has been a councillor at parish and city level for the past nine years. She has been a campaigner on enterprise development, housing, and community empowerment for over 15 years.

# FRINGE SESSION

30 October | 16.00 – 17.00 | Pre-function room

## **Energy Saving Trust**

@EnergySvgTrust

The Premium Light Pro project, run by the Energy Saving Trust, will run an on-stand clinic with the Lighting Industry Academy, to answer your questions on lighting upgrades for local councils. Find out how to ensure your project incorporates the best design, product quality, energy-efficiency, control strategy and installer selection.

31 October | 08.30 – 09.30 | Pre-function room

## **Radioactive Waste Management**

@rwm\_gdf\_uk

Government policy is for the disposal of higher activity nuclear waste in vaults and tunnels hundreds of metres underground. Such a facility will need both a suitable site and a willing community. This session will discuss the potential opportunities that a Geological Disposal Facility could bring to a local community.

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## **BHIB Councils Insurance**

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BHIB Councils Insurance provides tailor-made risk management solutions to local councils. With local councils providing an ever-growing range of services, it is important to have experts in insurance that you can rely on to ensure your local council has the right protection. BHIB Councils Insurance are proud to sponsor the Annual Conference and headline sponsor the Star Council Awards.

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# EXHIBITORS

## **Aerial Photography for Great Britain (APGB)**

APGB is the groundbreaking centrally funded contract providing free-at-the-point-use aerial photography and terrain data to the public sector. Hundreds of local councils have already visited the APGB MapShop and downloaded the data for their administrative area, visit their stand to find out how!

## **Came & Company Local Council Insurance Brokers**

@CameandCo

Came & Company Local Council Insurance Brokers was established in 2006, on the belief that whether acting as a local councillor, trustee, employee or volunteer, good people giving of themselves for the benefit of their community should be protected. Since their launch and through strong support of their proposition across the sector, they now provide insurance solutions to in excess of 4,000 local council and community groups. Sponsor of Star Council Awards Councillor of the Year.

## **Cemetery Development**

@CemDevServices

Their extensive depth and breadth of knowledge and experience of the cemetery, crematorium and mausoleum feasibility, design and development, along with the technical expertise in groundwater risk assessments and drainage management, has made them one of the leading international brands. With a single point of contact, this experience allows them to manage your entire project from inception to implementation and development completion.

# EXHIBITORS

## **CloudyGroup**

@CloudyGroupLTD

The CloudyGroup is a wrap-around digital care company comprising of four departments: CloudyIT offering bespoke IT services and support, CloudyComms who provide telecoms and connectivity solutions, CloudyWebHosting who can host and support your website, and CloudyCreative, a multifaceted digital, design and marketing service providing everything from web design and e-newsletters to printed materials and social media campaigns. They have a wealth of experience working with local councils to offer unique IT infrastructure, websites and support.

## **David Ogilvie Engineering**

@DavidOgilvieEng

David Ogilvie Engineering is a family run business of 33 years and one of the country's leading designers and manufacturers of street, park and memorial furniture. With a vast portfolio of products ranging from seating (including memorial seating), litter bins, planters, notice boards and playground furniture, we are confident that you will find our products a colourful, robust and economical solution to your requirements.

## **DCK Accounting Solutions**

DCK Accounting has built a reputation as industry leaders in providing accounting solutions to local councils with a client base throughout England. Services provided include preparation of full outsourced accounting services, annual accounts, budgeting assistance, specialist advice on VAT & payroll, plus advice and feasibility work relating to capital projects. Joint sponsor of Star Council Awards Clerk of the Year.

# EXHIBITORS

## **Energy Saving Trust**

@EnergySvgTrust

The Energy Saving Trust is a leading and trusted organisation helping people save energy every day. Their staff advise householders, deliver first-class programmes for governments and provide expert consultancy. EST leads the Premium Light Pro project in the UK, supporting a transition to energy-efficient lighting in the public sector.

## **HR Services Partnership**

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HR Services Partnership provides local councils with access to quality employment advice and HR services on flexible terms. Partnered with Surrey, Sussex and Kent county associations they have supported over 50 local councils with employment investigations, restructures, managing performance, absence management as well as drafting contracts, policies and acting as a sounding board for councillors.

## **LSI Energy**

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Save on your utility costs and join the thousands already benefiting from LSI Energy. It's quick, easy and their dedicated team of experts will do all the hard work. Simply tell them your needs; electricity, gas, water or telecoms and their experts will source prices from a trusted supplier.

## **Microshade VSM / Modern.Gov**

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Microshade VSM and Modern.Gov have combined resources to bring the local council sector a complete governance solution. Features include access to files from any location, meeting management, backup management, automatic software upgrades, plus a lower investment in computer hardware, giving a strategy for continuity and succession planning.



# EXHIBITORS

## **Parish Online**

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Parish Online provides cloud-based mapping systems and survey services to a wide range of customers worldwide. In the UK, their online system is used by over 800 local councils. They have recently teamed up with Pear Technology to offer an integrated solution for local councils.

## **Pear Technology Services**

@peartechnology

Pear Technology supply mapping systems for local councils for use in the preparation of parish plans, the management of cemeteries, allotments, playing fields, street assets and trees, for planning reviews and for communicating with the public and local authorities. Designed for use by non-IT specialists, the software is backed up by excellent support and a map preparation service.

## **Plantscape**

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Whatever the season and whatever your requirement, Plantscape can be called upon all year round to decorate the streets near you with fabulous floral displays adding a splash of colour in hanging baskets, lamp posts planters, barrier baskets, flower towers or provide seasonal illuminations with the Plantscape Solar Powered Christmas Tree.

## **Proludic**

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Proludic has 30 years experience in the design and installation of play and sports areas that are inclusive, durable and exciting for everyone that uses them. With more than 80,000 sites installed globally, they continue to demonstrate the ability to provide personalised & durable design solutions.

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## **Radioactive Waste Management**

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Radioactive Waste Management is responsible for implementing the government's policy for the management of higher activity radioactive waste. A Geological Disposal Facility is a series of vaults and tunnels deep underground to provide a permanent and safe solution for the disposal of higher-activity radioactive waste.

## **The Good Exchange**

@thegoodexchange

The Good Exchange is a not-for-profit, charity-owned, online matching platform that has been designed to address one of today's biggest charitable fundraising challenges – how to best match those organisations and individuals who have money to give to good causes to those who need it most – locally, regionally or nationally.

## **Vaughtons**

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Vaughtons are a bespoke manufacturer of handmade insignias, such as chains of office, medals and retiring jewels. They also offer services for refurbishments, valuations and repairs. They are proud that all work and manufacture is carried out in our Birmingham factory in the UK. Sponsor of Star Council Awards Young Councillor of the Year.

## **Vision ICT**

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Vision ICT is the most experienced website design agency working within the local council sector and have an excellent reputation for their work and the support they provide. Full service, from domain registration, hosting, emails, and SSL certification. Vision ICT can also offer graphic design, data backup, surveys. Joint sponsor of Star Council Awards Clerk of the Year.



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