

Programme - Friday 5 October

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| 09.30 – 11.30 | Registration (<i>Purbeck Foyer Entrance</i>) |
| 10.30 – 11.30 | Leaders' Forum (<i>Purbeck Lounge</i>) |
| 11.00 – 12.00 | Portfolio Sessions (<i>NALC Exhibition Stand</i>) Joy Sheppard, Essex Association of Local Councils Elisabeth Skinner, University of Gloucestershire |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Larger Local Councils Hustings (<i>Purbeck Lounge</i>) |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | Lunch (<i>Purbeck Hall</i>) (Standing buffet, limited seating) |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | NALC Legal Drop-in Session (<i>NALC Exhibition Stand</i>) |
| 13.00 – 13.05 | NALC Chairman Welcome (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Cllr Ken Cleary |
| 13.05 – 13.10 | The Worshipful the Mayor of Bournemouth (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Cllr Anne Filer |
| 13.10 – 15.10 | Local Government Question Time (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Chair – Mike Burton, editor, <i>The MJ</i> Paul Coen, chief executive, Local Government Association Tony Travers, director, Greater London Group John Hayes, services director, Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) Dick Sorabji, deputy director, New Local Government Network (NLGN) |
| 15.10 – 16.10 | Larger Councils Session Markets (<i>Purbeck Lounge</i>) Graham Wilson, National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) David Preston, NABMA |
| | Smaller Councils Session Parish Planning (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Sylvia Brown, Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) Neil Sinden, Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) |
| 16.10 – 16.20 | Tea/Coffee/Biscuits (<i>Purbeck Hall</i>) |
| 16.20 – 17.20 | Chief Executive, NALC (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) John Findlay |
| 17.20 – 18.20 | Larger Councils Session Partnership Working (<i>Purbeck Lounge</i>) Lesley Hughes, Ivybridge Town Council Karen Bridgford, Devon County Council |
| | Smaller Councils Session Clustering (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) David Webb, Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) David Jenkins, Dorset County Council |
| 18.20 – 19.00 | CRC sponsored drinks reception (<i>Purbeck Hall</i>) Community Empowerment Awards presentation and drinks reception |

Programme - Saturday 6 October

LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS VOTING CLOSES AT 9.30AM

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Tea and Coffee (<i>Purbeck Hall</i>) |
| 09.30 – 10.15 | Code of Conduct (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Cllr Shirley Flint, the Standards Board for England David Prince, the Standards Board for England |
| 10.20 – 11.20 | Grants and funding (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Chris Butcher, Big Lottery Fund Beverley Davies, Beaver Business Solutions Ltd |
| 11.20 – 11.45 | Tea/Coffee/Biscuits (<i>Purbeck Hall</i>) |
| 11.45 – 12.45 Satellite Session 1 | Effective Councils (<i>Purbeck Lounge</i>) Tom McMullen MBE, Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) Kevin Wilson, Woughton Parish Council |
| Satellite Session 2 | Neighbourhood Policing (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Marion Boyes, partnership project manager, National Policing Improvement Agency Jerry Kirkby, programme director, National Policing Improvement Agency |
| Satellite Session 3 | Creating the right public image (<i>Rear of Tregonwell Hall</i>) Myc Riggulsford, High Bickington Parish Council Alex Aiken, head of communications, Westminster City Council |
| 12.45 – 13.45 | Lunch Standing Buffet (<i>Purbeck Hall</i>) (Limited seating) |
| 12.45 – 13.45 | NALC Development Drop-in Session |
| 13.45 – 14.45 Satellite Session 1 | Cybercommunities (<i>Tregonwell Hall Seminar Suite</i>) Graham Harrop, director of government, Microsoft Public Sector Simon Berry, chief executive, Ruralnet |
| Satellite Session 2 | Councillor training (<i>Purbeck Lounge</i>) Lynne Lodge, Suffolk County Training Partnership Elisabeth Skinner, University of Gloucestershire |
| Satellite Session 3 | Community Leadership (<i>Tregonwell Hall</i>) Marianne Abley, regional associate, Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) |
| 14.45 – 15.15 | Tea/Coffee/Biscuits (<i>Purbeck Hall</i>) |

14.45 – 15.15 **NALC Policy and Communications Drop-in Session** (*NALC Exhibition Stand*)

15.15 – 16.15 **Parmjit Dhanda MP, parliamentary under secretary of state, Department of Communities and Local Government** (*Tregonwell Hall*)

Sharing Best Practice

Winners of the Community Empowerment Awards will split into two sessions to share their experiences in working with old people, young people, housing and Gypsies Travellers and migrant workers.

Delegates have the opportunity to attend two sessions.

16.20 – 17.10

Sharing Best Practice 1 **Housing** (*Tregonwell Hall*)
Andrew Smith, English Rural Housing Association

Sharing Best Practice 2 **Older People** (*Purbeck Lounge*)
Chris Bain, Age Concern

17.15 – 18.05

Sharing Best Practice 1 **Gypsies, Travellers and Migrant Workers** (*Tregonwell Hall*)
Chris Whitwell, Friends, Families and Travellers

Sharing Best Practice 2 **Young People** (*Purbeck Lounge*)
Becky Sharp, National Youth Agency

19.15 – 20.00 **Civic Reception** (open to all delegates) (*Purbeck Hall*)

20.00 – 24.00 **Conference Dinner** (*Solent Hall*)
With live entertainment from the Blachere House Band (*tickets must be presented to gain entry, no tickets, no admission*).

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09.00 – 09.30 **Tea and Coffee** (*Purbeck Hall*)

09.30 – 10.45 **Topical Motions for Debate** (*Tregonwell Hall*) (see pages 26/27)

10.45 – 11.15 **Sam Shippen, chairman of SLCC** (*Tregonwell Hall*)

11.20 – 12.30 **Climate Change and Your Community** (*Tregonwell Hall*)
Gary Charnock, Ashton Hayes Parish Council, Cheshire
James Gorie, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

12.30 – 12.45 **Chairman's Closing remarks** (*Tregonwell Hall*)

Addendum to conference programme

Please note the following changes to the conference programme

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- 13.10 – 13.40 **Parmjit Dhanda MP, parliamentary under secretary of state, Department of Communities and Local Government** (*Tregonwell Hall*)
- 13.40 – 15.10 **Local Government Question Time** (*Tregonwell Hall*)
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Additional exhibitor information

Vendesent



Stand 1

Vendesent is a catering and vending company specialising in good quality coffee for smaller sites, such as councils with as little as 8 councillors. Prices start at £150 for machines with a cup of coffee costing from just a few pence. See a couple of our machines on our stand while you are here.

Fringe Events

Saturday 6 October 2007

Participation Inquiry – Commission for Rural Communities

Meyrick Suite, 08.30 – 09.30



Commission for
Rural Communities
Tackling rural disadvantage

As part of our national inquiry into the role of rural councillors, we are running a breakfast fringe to present some of our findings and recommendations.

Our evidence suggests that some parishes lack the resources they need to act upon their local priorities. We have also found that some communities feel unsure as to how they can influence local decision-making through their local council. Using what we have found during our inquiry, we have begun to develop a set of recommendations.

We would like to hear what you – the front line parish and town councils and councillors – think about our ideas, which include:

- a duty on parishes to prepare a parish plan every four years;
- a requirement to precept appropriately in order to deliver against community need and expectation;
- incentives to cluster or merge parishes where communities and parishes will benefit from shared working;
- support from employers – maybe time off – to allow local councillors more time to commit to their community

To find out how you can influence our thinking come along to listen to Crispin Moor, CRC's Whitehall director and Justin Griggs, NALC's head of Development.

Mobile Operators Association

Meyrick Suite, 12.45 – 13.45



There are 70 million mobile phones in use in Britain. Customers need a first class network of base stations so they can make and receive calls wherever they are.

The Mobile Operators Association (MOA) represents the five UK mobile phone network operators (3, O2, Orange, T-Mobile and Vodafone) on radio frequency health and town planning issues. We share relevant information with interested parties such as elected councillors, local planners, residents groups, amenity

bodies and the public.

We will be running a seminar to help you understand the role we play, and how you can benefit from the work we do.

Websites for Local Councils – E-mango

Branksome Suite, 12.45 – 13.45



e-mango
online business solutions

E-mango will lead a presentation on making a good local council website. The proposition will consider all the stake holder points of view, including: the community, visitors, councillors, town and parish clerks, web managers and content suppliers.

Any website has conflicting requirements, such as usability, accessibility, design, content and of course cost. E-mango will consider how to balance these demands and provide pointers on how to select a supplier, a system and hosting options.

E-mango will be demonstrating their new website content management system in association with a major town council.

