

CfGS Annual Conference 2023- ‘Governance and scrutiny fit for the future’ – building public trust to meet the challenges facing local services’ Agenda.

Further information about speakers, and detail on workshops, will be published shortly.

The subject matter of plenary addresses and workshops may be subject to minor change.

9:30-10:am	Registration, workshop sign-up
10:00 – 10:10am	Welcome and housekeeping. Chief Executive of CfGS
10:10 – 10:20am	Opening address TBC
10:20 – 10:50am	Keynote address On trust in politics and the need for strong local accountability for public services Senior political figure, to be confirmed. Followed by Q&A
10:50 – 11:00am	Introduction to workshops – <i>Refreshments available to take into first workshop</i>
11:00 – 12:00pm	Relationships, Behaviours, and the Transformation of Local Democracy Workshops: 1. Conduct, standards, and behaviours in scrutiny 2. Effective scrutiny of council finances

	<p>3. Equality, diversity and inclusion as critical components of good Governance and Scrutiny</p> <p>4. Citizen Action: engaging residents (and campaigners) in effective scrutiny work</p> <p>5. Executive support for scrutiny: sharing perspectives.</p> <p>Workshop leaders to be announced.</p>
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch and networking
12:45 - 13:40	<p>Panel session</p> <p>On the centrality of good governance to the future of local democracy and high quality local services</p> <p>Panellists, to be confirmed.</p>
13:40 - 14:30	<p>Workshop session</p> <p>These will be two separate sessions, designed to meet the respective needs and interests of members and officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Officers- on the topic of career trajectories in local gov/scrutiny. - For Members- on the topic of intersection between good scrutiny and party politics. <p>Workshop leaders to be announced.</p>
14:30 - 15:15	<p>Roundtable sessions for networking and to share scrutiny practice.</p> <p>We will reconvene in a plenary session for structured discussions about scrutiny practice, in a session designed to highlight good practice and to support dialogue about practical improvements to scrutiny and governance at the local level.</p> <p>At the end of this session we will invite delegates to make some commitments to change, for when they return to their authorities.</p>

15:15 - 15:45	Closing plenary TBC
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