

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

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

- The Panellist and Chair profiles can be found [here](#).
- The Workshop Leader profiles will be updated shortly.
- The Keynote Speaker Profile will be updated shortly.

9:30-10:am	Registration
10:00 – 10:20am	Welcome, housekeeping and opening address - <i>Chief Executive of CfGS</i>
10:20 – 10:50am	Keynote address - <i>On trust in politics and the need for strong local accountability for public services</i> TBC <i>Followed by Q&A</i>
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: Workshop Lead – TBC 2. Effective scrutiny of council finances: Workshop Leads - Guy Clifton, Director of Local Government Value for Money, Audit at

	<p>Grant Thornton and Iain Murray, Director of Public Financial Management at CIPFA.</p> <p>3. Equality, diversity and inclusion as critical components of good Governance and Scrutiny: Workshop Lead – Manisha Patel</p> <p>4. Citizen Action: engaging residents (and campaigners) in effective scrutiny work: Workshop Lead – TBC</p> <p>5. Executive support for scrutiny: sharing perspectives: Workshop Lead – Ed Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive, CfGS</p>
<p>12:00 - 12:45</p>	<p>Lunch and networking</p>
<p>12:45 – 13:40</p>	<p>Panel session</p> <p>On the centrality of good governance to the future of local democracy and high quality local services</p> <p>Chair -</p> <p>Cllr Abi Brown, Leader of Stoke-on-Trent City Council</p> <p>Panellists –</p> <p>Dr Polly Lord, Head of Local Public Services Research at New Local</p> <p>Rachel McKoy, Director of Law and Governance and President-elect, London Borough of Hounslow Council and Lawyers in Local Government</p> <p>Third Panellist TBC shortly.</p>
<p>13:40 - 14:40</p>	<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: Workshop Leads – ADSO and second leader TBC shortly. - For Members- on the topic of intersection between good scrutiny and party politics: Workshop Lead – Tony Jackson

14:40 - 15:25	<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>
15:25 - 15:45	<p>Closing plenary</p> <p>TBC</p>