

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- Mel Stevens</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 Leads - Helen Lynch (LLG National Lead Monitoring Officer, and Head of Legal & Democratic Services at Durham Council), and Jennifer Phillips (LLG Regional Director and principal litigation lawyer at Thanet Council)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Effective scrutiny of council finances: Workshop Leads - Guy Clifton, Director of Local Government Value for Money, Audit at Grant Thornton and Iain Murray, Director of Public Financial Management at CIPFA. 3. Equality, diversity and inclusion as critical components of good Governance and Scrutiny: Workshop Lead – Manisha Patel 4. Citizen Action: engaging residents (and campaigners) in effective scrutiny work: Workshop Lead – Dave McKenna 5. Executive support for scrutiny: sharing perspectives: Workshop Lead – Ed Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive, CfGS
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>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>Catherine Howe, Chief Executive of Adur and Worthing Councils and Chair of CfGS</p>
13:40 - 14:40	<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 – 15:00	
15:00 – 15:45	<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>
15:45 – 16:00	<p>Closing plenary</p> <p>TBC</p>