

## 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&amp;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"> <li>2. Effective scrutiny of council finances: <b>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.</b></li> <li>3. Equality, diversity and inclusion as critical components of good Governance and Scrutiny: <b>Workshop Lead – Manisha Patel</b></li> <li>4. Citizen Action: engaging residents (and campaigners) in effective scrutiny work: <b>Workshop Lead – Dave McKenna</b></li> <li>5. Executive support for scrutiny: sharing perspectives: <b>Workshop Lead – Ed Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive, CfGS</b></li> </ol>
<p>12:00 - 12:45</p>	<p><b>Lunch and networking</b></p>
<p>12:45 – 13:40</p>	<p><b>Panel session</b></p> <p>On the centrality of good governance to the future of local democracy and high quality local services</p> <p><b>Chair -</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Abi Brown, Leader of Stoke-on-Trent City Council</b></p> <p><b>Panellists –</b></p> <p><b>Dr Polly Lord, Head of Local Public Services Research at New Local</b></p> <p><b>Rachel McKoy, Director of Law and Governance and President-elect, London Borough of Hounslow Council and Lawyers in Local Government</b></p> <p><b>Catherine Howe, Chief Executive of Adur and Worthing Councils and Chair of CfGS</b></p>
<p>13:40 - 14:40</p>	<p><b>Workshop session</b></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"> <li>- For Officers- Career trajectories – do you have your own Forward Plan? <b>Workshop Leads – ADSO (John Austin and Peter Sass)</b></li> <li>- For Members- on the topic of intersection between good scrutiny and party politics: <b>Workshop Lead – Tony Jackson</b></li> </ul>
14:40 – 15:00	<b>Refreshment break</b>
15:00 – 15:45	<p><b>Roundtable sessions for networking and to share scrutiny practice.</b></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><b>Closing plenary</b></p> <p><b>Catherine Howe, Chief Executive of Adur and Worthing Councils and Chair of CfGS</b></p>