

CfGS Governance Innovation Symposium – Wed 26th Jan 2022

‘TheStudio’, 7 Cannon Street, Birmingham, B2 5EP

09.30 **Registration and refreshments** - (coffee/tea/soft drinks available all day)

10.00 **Welcome and summary of day**

10.10 Setting the scene – understanding the centrality of good governance to managing in a post-pandemic world (speaker(s) tbc)

10.40 **Breakout sessions**

(exact subject matter of the breakout groups is indicative and may change)

Participants will join one of 5 tables of 10 individuals to participate in 5 mini-roundtables on pressing governance issues over the course of the day, with each roundtable benefiting from expert facilitation. Each roundtable will be 45 mins long, followed by a 15 minute break for the sharing of insights.

- New roles for councillors?
- A new contract with our communities?
- A new relationship with our partners?
- A new operating model?
- A new approach to data and evidence?

For each of these issues we will:

- Set out where we currently stand on the issues;
- Consider how the pandemic and our near-term challenges are likely to drive change;
- Consider what an ideal outcome looks like – what excellence in this area might look like in 10 or 15 years’ time;
- Thinking about the practical changes we may need to make in our current governance systems to make those changes happen. This may be informed by current plans or thoughts about how our councils might manage this period.

We will focus on organisational and political dynamics, and on shifts in culture, attitudes and behaviours. We know that the management of these “softer” issues within a responsive and dynamic – and transparent – governance framework is likely to be the key to success.

At the end of 35 minutes of discussion groups will shift; groups will be mixed for each session so that you end up speaking to largely different people every time. The final 10 minutes of every session will be used to collate discussions in each group, and for informal conversation. (The first session is 50 minutes long to give people the opportunity to familiarise themselves with how things will work).

11.30 **Breakout session 2**

12.15 **Lunch** - (coffee/tea/soft drinks available all day)

13.00 **Breakout session 3**

13.45 **Breakout session 4**

14.30 **Breakout session 5**

15.15 **Plenary**

We will gather together participants’ plans for change and share some headlines.

15.30 **Close**