

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**REPORT BACK FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION – JULY 2018****Purpose of the Report**

1. To report to Committee the key messages from the Local Government Association (LGA) annual conference, which took place in Birmingham between 3 and 5 July 2018.

Information and Advice

2. Following Committee approval on 16 May 2018, Councillor Cutts MBE, Councillor Adair and Councillor Rhodes and Anthony May attended the LGA annual conference.
3. The conference was organised by the LGA which is a politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils as a voice for local government. It is a membership organisation made up of 415 authorities in 2018.
4. This year the conference was focused around the future of local authority finance, transformation, housing, health and social care, children's services, devolution and Brexit,
5. Conference attendees heard speeches from the Chairman of the LGA, Lord Porter, and the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP.
6. Attendees also participated in workshops and plenary sessions which focused on the challenges of making commercialism happen, the role of local government post-Brexit, and the future for local government funding.
7. During the conference attendees joined the County Councils Network for a reception where the Secretary of State talked about the challenges facing local government.
8. Details of the presentations and speeches can be found on the [LGA website](#).

Chairman of the Local Government Association

9. In his keynote speech, Lord Porter, Chairman of the LGA made a plea to Government for local government funding to be put back on a "sustainable financial footing". He emphasised that a blend of adequate funding and more local powers are needed to allow councils to help the Government tackle the challenges facing the nation.

The Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP – Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

10. In his speech the Secretary of State focused on the challenges around funding in local government, particularly the pressures in adults and children's services. The Secretary of State pointed to the Social Care Green Paper, due for publication in the autumn, which will include proposals to reform social care, better integrate services and put social care on a long-term sustainable funding.
11. A major announcement during the speech was the creation of a new Brexit Ministerial Local Delivery Board to include representatives from the LGA, County Councils Network and the Core and Key Cities Groups to share updates and views on the latest Brexit developments.

Other Options Considered

12. None

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. To feedback to elected Members on the outcomes of the LGA conference.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

15. The cost of attending the conference was set out in the report to Policy Committee on 16 May 2018.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That members consider whether there is any follow up work they require in relation to the topics covered in this report, and if so, that they be delegated to the Chief Executive for action.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments (KK 25092018)

16. Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report. If Committee resolves that any actions are required it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SS 25092018)

17. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- [Report to Policy Committee – 16 May 2018](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All