



## Agenda

09:30 – 10:15	Registration	
10:15 – 10:30	Welcome	
10:30 – 11:15 (including Q&A)	<p>Keynote speaker: <b>Suki Binjal, President of Lawyers in Local Government and Director of Legal and Governance Services at the London Borough of Hackney</b></p> <p>Suki brings a wealth of local government experience and will share her thoughts on the professional challenges facing public sector lawyers and how to overcome them. As President of LLG, Suki will talk about how the organisation can support the modern lawyer and looking to the future, some reasons to be optimistic.</p>	
11:15 – 11:40	Coffee break	
11:40 – 12:25	<p>Workshop 1 <b>Grenfell: learning from disaster – Sharpe Pritchard</b></p> <p>John Sharland from Sharpe Pritchard and Phillip Patterson from Hardwicke Chambers will lead a discussion about the implications for local authorities of the Grenfell tragedy. Looking at responding to public scrutiny, health and safety including the duties of local authorities as landlords and preparing for a public inquiry.</p>	<p>Workshop 2 <b>Armes case (liability for abuse by foster parents) – Browne Jacobson</b></p> <p>In this session, we will look at developments in liability through the lens of cases like Armes, to shed light on current areas of risk, and to explore mitigation measures that should be considered from day 1 in considering possible service delivery models, through to supplier management.</p>
	<p>Workshop 3 <b>Northants/when a commissioner calls – Geldards</b></p> <p>As local authorities work under continuing pressure on budgets and demands on services, they face a real risk that financial and management difficulties could lead to intervention. This workshop will provide practical guidance on spotting warning signs and acting on them to avoid government intervention. It will also consider how you can act to make the situation as positive as possible.</p>	<p>Workshop 4 <b>Increasing your influence with stakeholders – Freeths</b></p> <p>This session will help you to work effectively with various stakeholders, placing commercial awareness, networking and influencing skills into the context of the changing role of 21<sup>st</sup> century local authorities. It considers how authorities need to work with communities, the implications for lawyers and how you can plan to enhance your personal influence.</p>
12:25 – 13:25	Lunch	

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<p>13:25 – 14:10 (including Q&amp;A)</p>	<p>Keynote speaker: <b>Dominic Campbell, CEO of FutureGov &amp; Interim CDO Homes England</b></p> <p>Dominic Campbell is a digital government entrepreneur with a background in government policy and technology-led change. He is experienced in organisation and service re-design and has senior management experience in implementing change initiatives within public services. Having spent five years in local government, Dominic established FutureGov in 2008. Soon to be a team of more than 50, FutureGov supports digital and design-led transformation in public services in the UK, Australia and many places in between. Dominic will share his ideas and experiences of designing corporate services fit for 21st century. Drawing upon over a decade's experience leading a pioneering digital change agency for local government, he'll share his unique insight on what digital really means for local government.</p>	
<p>14:10 – 14:35</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>14:35 – 15:25</p>	<p>Workshop 5 <b>Governance – Anthony Collins Solicitors</b></p> <p>The session will provide a practical update and some useful tips on recent governance related cases and some of the topical issues faced by Monitoring Officers (MO) in their role. We will explore matters such as the Harvey v Ledbury case and associated challenges; look at what preparations can be done when an authority is facing a difficult financial prognosis; consider the governance issues around developing an investment strategy and the risks MOs are advised to note; and deal with the question of local government reorganisation.</p>	<p>Workshop 6 <b>Contracting post Carillion – Bevan Brittan</b></p> <p>Carillion's collapse and the increased focus on private sector sustainability raises questions for the public sector in how they manage contracts and find appropriate alternative means of future delivery. The workshop will look at the implications of private sector failure; case studies and how to stress test alternative options.</p>
<p>15:25 – 16:10</p>	<p>Workshop 7 <b># Me too – Weightmans</b></p> <p>Following recent high profile cases, this session will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legally, what constitutes harassment?</li> <li>• Whose behaviour can you be liable for?</li> <li>• What about incidents outside of work or on social media?</li> <li>• What policies and procedures should you have in place, and how can this help defend against claims?</li> </ul>	<p>Workshop 8 <b>Local authority delivery models – Freeths</b></p> <p>Once again, the UK is facing the need to update its infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population. How will future public works be funded? We look at the pros and cons of delivery models such as Public/Private JVs, LA subsidiary companies, commercial funding, earmarked Government support and PWLB monies as a method to conceive, fund, build and run public works and services in the future, touching on lessons learned from different approaches taken from a variety of models.</p>
<p>16:10 – 16:15</p>	<p>Plenary Session - <b>Mental health &amp; wellbeing</b> Bringing all of the delegates together to discuss a topic that affects us all, both at work and in our wider communities, this session focuses on the evidenced based concept of 'Five Ways to Wellbeing.' The session will look at each aspect highlighting and demonstrating self-management techniques that can be used within the legal sector. Each participant will leave with a take-away guide for reference when going back to their respective organisations. The training will be led by Vicki Fox and Erin Lacy from Kaleidoscope Group.</p> <p>Closing remarks, followed by networking in the exhibitor area with canapes and drinks</p>	

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