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EVENT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March 2018



Worsley Park Marriott Hotel
& Country Club
Walken Road
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Doing more with less sounds like an advert for one of the high street supermarkets, but it's what every council across the United Kingdom is having to do. With less money being distributed by central government, councils are having to find innovative ways to save money, increase efficiency and generate income. Many councils are well on their way to achieving either or both of these things whether it be combining and sharing resources with another council, renting out office space to SME's or everything in between. Change is here and changes will continue to happen!

However, this isn't the end of collaboration and issues, with more powers continuing to be devolved to local councils and the creation of so called "super councils" but with no extra funding, it would appear that things will become more challenging before they get easier.

The Excellence In Local Government meeting will bring together senior leaders from across this sector to network with each other and discuss the current hot topics.

Key topics to be discussed include:

Challenges with combined IT systems and teams

How best to utilise Public Service Networks?

Overcoming organisational development and human resource issues

Dealing with an ever increasing population

Different ways to generate income

Collaborative working – People and assets

What role does technology have to play in cost savings and efficiency?

During this meeting, all attendees will be able to share their own experiences and the challenges they are currently facing. In addition, you will then have the opportunity to look at different ways of addressing these problems and an overall look at where we were, where we are and what needs to be done to get to where we need to be.

Wednesday 21st March 2018

15:00 - 18:00

Hotel Check-in and Free Time

19:00 - 20:30

Registration and Networking Drinks Reception

20:30 - 22:30

Welcome from Chair and Networking Dinner

Thursday 22nd June 2018

08:00 - 08:50

Registration, Tea, Coffee and Pastries

08:50 - 09:00

Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:00 - 09:30

Using Technology to Enable Care Co-ordination at Scale



During this presentation, Adrian McCormick will talk about the work Dudley MBC is embarking on to improve the way it works and how it collaborates with other organisations.



Adrian McCormick, Chief Officer - Transformation & Performance

09:30 - 10:00

Case Study Presentation

10:00 - 10:30

Getting Entrepreneurial

Bringing a commercial mindset to the public sector



Aylesbury Vale District Council has long been leading the way when it comes to digital transformation but have also taken it a set further and incorporated it into their income generation strategy. They undertook a major shift in 2010 to cloud based infrastructure and were the first council the United Kingdom to adopt Amazon's Web Services. This has allowed the council to significantly reduce its office space which now means that the council generates income by renting this out to local business.



This is just one way the council are generating income, Andrew Grant will talk about the culture shift it has taken within the organisation to create to get it thinking different. In addition, he will talk about other initiatives which have and haven't worked, what the council has learnt and what's next!

Andrew Grant, Chief Executive

10:30 - 11:00

Tea and Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00

Networking Meetings

12:00 - 12:30

Enabling multi organisational working



KPSN
Kent Public Service Network



Dave and Andy will talk about how technology partnerships within Kent are providing a foundation for a regional infrastructure enabling shared services, service integration & new ways of working for public services across Local Government, Blue Light services, Higher Education / Further Education, NHS, Schools & Libraries.

Topics to be covered:



Identifying which stakeholders to engage with
How to ensure everyone gets out what they need
Delivering to plan but also being prepared for curveballs
Future proofing



Dave Lindsay, Head
Andy Cole, Head of ICT

12:30 - 13:00

Case Study Presentation

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 14:30

**Strengthening Democracy and Public Service Excellence
through new Local Government in NI**



In this piece, I will briefly and pictorially give participants a potted history of democratic reform in NI, obviously taking into account the present state of affairs (up to March 2018). Then I will emphasise the convening & legislative powers of councils, which are stronger in NI than in other parts of the UK, which enable them to draw together all partners in a socio-economic ecosystem – within their boundaries and beyond – to sustain the community, plan and deliver more integrated public services, and drive their own, and N. Ireland's wider, economy.

Within the piece, I will of course illustrate barriers to success and examples of great practice, both of which have emerged in the past couple of years.

The drawing together of the piece will conclude that despite turmoil in the wider fiscal and political climate, N. Ireland has a unique economy in terms of size, future make up, land border and public-sector transformation which should enable NILGA's ambition of N.I. being the Creative Capital of Europe by 2030.

Derek McCallan, Chief Executive

14:30 - 15:00

Case Study Presentation

15:00 - 15:30

Tea and Coffee Break

15:30 - 16:15

Networking Meetings

16:15 - 16:45

How to use planning and regeneration services to drive economic growth and generate income



The session will explore how local authorities can be more actively engaged in facilitating and driving economic growth in an increasingly competitive market place through shaping service delivery, commissioning from providers and becoming more commercially involved in delivering and financing physical regeneration. It will also look at how Peterborough has generated significant income through creatively trading services.

Simon Machen, Corporate Director

16:45 - 17:15

Case Study Presentation

17:15 - 17:30

Chair's closing remarks and event close
