



AGENDA FOR THE IESE CONFERENCE 2024
Wednesday 6th November | 13th November | 20th November | 27th November

We are looking forward to you joining us! Don't forget to share our conference on your socials using our event hashtag: **#IESEConf24**

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

12:00 – 12:30 | Mainstage
Welcome and opening to the iESE Conference 2024

“Out of the frying pan, into the fire” - how do we prepare for the future improve productivity for the future?

This year's conference will delve into innovative methods and best practices that councils can consider implementing to prepare for the future and enhance productivity, optimise spending, and effectively utilise resources. Our sessions, led by officers, Councillor's, and industry experts, will provide insights and practical approaches to achieve more with less, helping to ensure efficient delivery of local public services.

Key speakers: Dr Andrew Larner and John Comber.

12:30 – 13:00 – Main Stage
Futurology:

Blue-sky thinking about the future of local government and how it deals with its community's needs. Kicking off the conference, this session invites participants to envision the future of local government. Speakers will discuss emerging trends and the evolving needs of communities, focusing on proactive adaptation and maximising efficiency.

Key speakers: Dr Andrew Larner, John Comber, David Rees, Chris Naylor.

13:00 – 14:00 | Session 1
Housing:

Exploring new approaches to housing management and development. Speakers will discuss how responding to change is a constant in the housing sector and how good quality housing management is central to providing good quality homes and vibrant communities where people want to live.

Key speakers: John Comber (Chair), Dr Justin Ives, Tom Sowerby, Dr Andrew Smith.

13:00 – 14:00 | Session 2
Building the Future

How do we build robust internal systems for the councils of the future? Speakers will discuss how the effective use of data and effective internal systems, processes and arrangements contribute to high performance optimising operations and enhancing efficiency.

Key speakers: Dr Andrew Larner (Chair), Cllr. David Tutt, Arthur Charvonia, Mark Gannon.

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

12:00 – 13:00 | Main Stage
AI in Public Services and Local Politics

Leveraging artificial intelligence to improve foresight and support the creation of vibrant and resilient communities. Speakers will discuss how artificial intelligence technologies are developing and how they can be used to revolutionise how local public services interact, work with and empower their communities, streamlining operations and enhancing decision making.

Key speakers: Andrew Larner (Chair), Kevin Gibbs, Kurtis Toy.

13:00 – 14:00 | Session 1
Adult Social Care

This session focuses on how best practice is enhancing care services through innovative practices. Speakers will discuss how social care is changing and what innovation is key to the delivery of high quality, effective, value-for-money adult social care.

Key speakers: John Comber (Chair), Rob Turnbull, Sherif Attia, Carla Dix.

13:00 – 14:00 | Session 2
Children Social Care

Rethinking the way we deliver our Children Services: The role local public services have as a corporate parent and in the support of young people is critical to these people leading good quality lives. This session will look at the developments in children's social care and how these are being used to improve the way people receiving these service are dealt with.

Key speakers: Dr Andrew Larner (Chair), Diana Sherwood, Asleigh Searle, Kevin Brown

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

12:00 – 13:00 | Main Stage
Fossilisation

Designing sustainable solutions that work efficiently without intervention is key to the future of local public services, but this has to include the potential for the complete re-design of services or even those services being delivered by the communities themselves without the need for intervention. This means that it is not just a question of looking at how to deliver the current services in ever better ways, but what is required to build vibrant and resilient communities that have the capacity to look after as much of their own needs as possible. This session addresses designing solutions that are not just based on the best practice of

what is done now, but looked at from the perspective of what is best to create the best possible future.

Key speakers: Andrew Larner (Chair), Sherif Attia, Jules Maitland, Nick Scott.

**13:00 – 14:00 | Session 1
Cyber Security**

In this session we will talk about the ways that you can ensure your communities are protected. The cyber landscape is becoming increasingly complex, and the sector remains vulnerable to these challenges and keeping their communities secure. This session aims to give practical advice, guidance, tools and measures that can be taken to stop attacks before they happen and stay as cyber secure as possible.

Key speakers: Kurtis Toy (Chair), Iain Johnston, Eileen Buck.

**13:00 – 14:00 | Session 2
Green Energy**

The UK has committed to reaching Net-Zero carbon emissions by 2050 which together with a growing public interest and sense of responsibility has put mounting pressure on local public services to achieve early progress. This session will highlight how reducing local carbon emissions and integrating sustainable energy solutions within local communities can help tackle climate change.

Key speakers: John Comber (Chair), Sean Cleary, Sunita Trehan.

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

**12:00 – 13:00 | Main Stage
Leap Frogging and Skills for the Future**

Given the ever increasing challenges facing local public services there is a need to improve the knowledge and skill available to the industry so that it can continue to evolve and improve. Each generation of managers is now in a position where they need to provide a platform for the next generation to be able to leap frog into the future able to achieve things that would never have been thought possible even a short time ago. This session look at how future leaders can be supported to achieve unprecedented advancements, what is required and how it can be delivered.

Key speakers: Andrew Larner, John Comber (Chair), Fiona Lees, Wendy Bridgwater, Richard Tyrie, Susan Attard

**13:00 – 13:30 | Main Stage
Closing Plenary**

Closing remarks by Dr Andrew Larner.