
‘Hitting the ground running’: A session for newly elected councillors

Date: Wednesday 12th June 2019

Time: 10.30 - 15.30

(including refreshments and lunch)

Location: DeVere Venue, Colmore Gate, 2-6 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2QD

Purpose:

To provide newly elected councillors in the West Midlands with an opportunity to explore what their role means, learn about the evolving national policy context and challenges facing councils, and to hear from experienced councillors.

The event will give new councillors a wider perspective on their role and will also enable them to meet other newly elected councillors from other local authorities. It will also be an opportunity to learn about the support available from the Local Government Association (LGA).

Programme:

Time	Session
10.30 - 10.40	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Murray, Principal Adviser: West Midlands (LGA)
10.40 – 11:30	Introductory Session: So now you are a councillor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGA regional member peer (Labour) LGA regional member peer (Independent) Views from delegates
11.30 - 11.50	The role of the councillor in the 21st century <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGA regional member peer (Labour) and Helen Murray
11.50 - 12.40	Local Government Finance (without numbers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LGA regional member peer (Independent) and Alan Finch, Principal Adviser (LGA)
12.40 - 13.30	Lunch and networking
13.30 - 14.30	The benefits and opportunities in using social media Darren Caveney, Creator: comms2point0

14.30 - 15.00	Local context: knowing and engaging your ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA regional member peer (Liberal Democrat)
15.00 – 15.20	LGA wider work and support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGA regional member peer (Conservative)
15.20 - 15.30	Final questions and sum up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Murray
15.30	Finish

About the Local Government Association (LGA)

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