Cohesive and active communities are dependent upon local people having the skills, the confidence and the opportunities to contribute actively, as well as to influence the policies and the local services that affect their lives. To encourage this, the Government is keen to deliver better neighbourhood management - or even governance. Through duties on service provision and on community consultation, and through schemes such as the Home Office’s Civic Pioneers Network, local government has been given the responsibility for delivering better and more extensive community decision-making.

This NLGN conference will bring together key stakeholders - including local authorities, elected members, local strategic partnerships, police, private sector service providers, community and voluntary groups - to look at ways in which local government can work with neighbourhoods. It will explore key issues, including: ‘What duty does local government have to deliver neighbourhood management?’, ‘Does neighbourhood governance represent a threat or an opportunity for local democracy?’ and ‘How can neighbourhood management be used to shape local services and to assess service performance?’.

Keynote Speakers include:

**Joe Montgomery**
Director General Tackling Disadvantage Group, ODPM

**Hazel Blears MP**
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Tuesday 14th December 2004, Savoy Place (IEE), London WC2

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AGENDA (subject to change)

09:00 Registration and Refreshments

PLENARY ONE: THE FUTURE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

09:45 Introduction and Welcome by Morning Chair
Sue Charters, Director, Shared Intelligence

09:50 New Localism and Neighbourhood Governance
Dan Corry, Director, NLGN

10:00 Neighbourhood Management, Local Government and the Effective Citizen
Tony Breslin, Chief Executive, Citizenship Foundation

10:10 Lessons from the Community Participation Review
Joe Montgomery, Director General
Tackling Disadvantage Group,
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM)

10:25 Questions and Discussion

10:35 Refreshments

PLENARY TWO: NEIGHBOURHOOD GOVERNANCE AND SERVICE DELIVERY

11:00 Keynote Speech:
Hazel Blears MP, Home Office Minister of State for Crime Reduction, Policing, Community Safety and Counter-terrorism

11:15 What Kind of Neighbourhood Governance Do People Actually Want?
Ben Page, Director, MORI Social Research Institute

11:30 European Lessons of Neighbourhood and Community Governance
John Loughlin, Professor of European Politics,
Cardiff University

11:45 How Can Neighbourhood Management Help Shape Service Delivery?
Kerry Bollister, Chief Neighbourhood Renewal Officer,
Wolverhampton City Council

12:00 Questions and Discussion

12:10 Buffet Lunch

PLENARY THREE: HOW DO WE EMPOWER COMMUNITIES?

13:05 Introduction by the Afternoon Chair
John Findlay, Chief Executive,
National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
13:10 The Civic Pioneers Network - Examples from Birmingham
Birmingham is implementing a major re-structuring of decision-making processes that devolves power to local communities
David Maxted, Strategic Director for Local Services, Birmingham City Council

13:25 Are there Lessons from Other Areas of Community Governance?
Richard Hewgill, Chair, Tenant Participation Advisory Services (TPAS)

13:40 CASE STUDY: ROCHDALE
Burglaries hit a 3 year low in Rochdale by developing decision-making structures at community level in partnership with police
Cllr Paul Rowen, Leader, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council
Chief Superintendent Terry Sweeney, Divisional Commander Rochdale, Greater Manchester Police

13:55 Panel: How Can Key Stakeholders Empower Community Decision Making?
To discuss key issues including
- What does neighbourhood governance mean for local councillors?
- Are Town and Parish Councils the vehicle for delivering community empowerment?
- What role do Local Strategic Partnerships play in empowering community decision making?
The panel will include representatives from local government, an LSP and the Voluntary Sector

14:25 Questions and Discussion
14:35 Chairs Remarks
14:40 SEMINAR SESSIONS
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1. Locality Working
2. Promoting Diversity and Cohesion through Neighbourhood Management
3. Neighbourhood Management and Community Involvement in Service Delivery and Performance Assessment
Cllr Nicholas Stanton, Leader, London Borough of Southwark

15:40 Close of Conference

Who Should Attend?
- Chief Executives
- Mayors and Elected Members
- Town and Parish Councils
- Representatives from Local Strategic Partnerships
- Community Development Officers
- Consultation Officers
- Participation Co-ordinators
- Policy Officers and Research Officers
- Corporate Policy Officers
- Community and Voluntary Groups
- Community Development Partnerships
- New Deal for Communities
- Community Police Officers
- Housing Associations
- Tenant Participation Boards
- Procurement Officers
- Procurement Consultants
- Planning Officers
- Area Based Initiatives
- Patient Advice and Liaison Officers
- Patient and Public Involvement Forums
- Scrutiny Officers
- Civil Servants
- Policy Think Tanks
- Academics
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