

DRAFT - Local Government Conference 2011 - Bristol

Room	Lower Ground Floor	Ground Floor	Blue room	Executive Suite 1	Executive Suite 2	Executive Suite 3	Executive Suite 4	Executive 6
	Main Hall Plenary	Board Room Discussion	Local Government Policy LGA Liberal Democrat Group	Sponsor Programme	Guest Programme	Councillor Training ALDC	Campaign Training ALDC	Councillor Skills Training Midas Training Solutions
9am onwards	REGISTRATION and coffee on arrival							
10.00 - 11.15	Leaders Speech & Q&A Session Nick Clegg MP with Cllr Barbara Janke (Leader, Bristol City Council), Cllr Kath Pinnock, (Chair, ALDC) and Cllr Richard Kemp (Leader, LGA Liberal Democrat Group)				EARS training <i>Training on the use of EARS in your campaigning</i> John Jefkins		Talking to voters <i>Talking to and engaging with voters all year round</i> Cllr Mark Alcock (ALDC) & Hilary Stephenson (Director of Elections & Skills)	Working with officers
11.15 - 11.30					Coffee available			
11.30 - 12.45	Inspired! Winning in 2011 <i>How we won in the elections against both Conservatives and Labour in Portsmouth, Redcar & Cleveland, Mole Valley and Bath & North East Somerset</i> Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Leader, Portsmouth City Council), Cllr Paul Crossley (Leader, Bath & NE Somerset Council) and Michael Watson (Mole Valley)	Group Leaders Session <i>(continued from Friday)</i>	Education <i>School funding and ensuring fairness in the new schools system</i> Chair: Cllr David Bellotti (Bath & North East Somerset Council)	Sponsored by APSE: The Localism Bill <i>What are the key points in the bill, community rights to challenge work, right to buy and the third sector</i>		Effective Opposition <i>How to hold the ruling group to account and get the political dividend</i> Steve Hitchins	Campaigning on Local Issues <i>How to campaign on local issues, making sure that you get the political dividend</i> Cllr Jeanette Sunderland, (Leader of Lib Dem Group, Bradford City Council)	Public speaking
12.45 - 1.45	LUNCH - ground floor dining area <i>Meet the new team at the LG Group</i>		Health and Social Care <i>A chance to discuss the Government's plans on Health and Social Care (lunch included)</i> Paul Burstow MP (Health Minister). Chair: Cllr David Rogers (East Sussex)	Robocop or a Fair Cop? <i>If we do get elected police commissioners, how will Lib Dems in local government face up to the challenge?</i> Chair: Cllr Duwayne Brooks (London Borough of Lewisham)				
1.45 - 3.00	Ministerial Q&A Andrew Stunell MP (Local Government Minister) and Paul Burstow MP (Health Minister)	How do we Campaign? <i>Discussion workshop on "what worked and what didn't work" in 2011</i> Chair: Cllr Tim Pickstone (ALDC)	Finance <i>There are alternatives to "slash and burn". Come along and hear what other colleagues are doing to address severe pressures on budgets.</i> Chair: Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson	Sponsored by APSE: The Virtuous Green Circle: <i>Creating a revolving fund for local authority solar energy</i> <i>How councils can exploit feed-in tariffs, getting in the investment and where to use it</i>		Ward Leadership <i>How to lead your ward and get the best for your area</i> Cllr Claire Hudson (Leader of Lib Dem Group, Mendip Council) & Cllr Isobel McCall (Milton Keynes)	Planning for 2012: Welsh local elections Cllr Kevin O'Connor (Leader of Lib Dem Group, Merthyr Tydfil Council), Cllr Veronica German (President, ALDC) & Cllr Rodney Berman (Leader, Cardiff City Council)	Stress management
3.00 - 3.15					Coffee available			
3.15 - 4.30	Panel debate: The future of the Liberal Democrats in local government Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson (Leader, Portsmouth City Council), Cllr Rodney Berman (Leader, Cardiff City Council) and Hilary Stephenson (Director of Elections & Skills). Chaired by Cllr Veronica German (President, ALDC)		The future of local government improvement post CAA and Audit Commission Chair: Cllr Chris White (St. Albans and Hertfordshire)		EARS training <i>Training on the use of EARS in your campaigning</i> John Jefkins	Working in a Split Ward <i>How to work in a ward with other party councillors</i> Cllr Erica Kemp (LG Leadership)	Building Your Team <i>How to build your team to run campaigning in your ward</i> <i>John Bridges (ALDC)</i>	Media training for councillors