

'Planning Reform and Devolution (aka 'The Perfect Storm')

Thursday 5th June 2025

9:15am	Refreshments and Registration
10:00am	Welcome from Chair
10:05am	Session 1: Devolution/LGR – What does it mean? Devolution White Paper Summary and emerging LGR proposals Jonathan Carr-West, LGIU
10:35am	Northamptonshire Experience George Candler, Executive Director of Place and Economy (Deputy Chief Executive), North Northamptonshire Council
11:00am	Current Experiences of LGR Bill Cullen, Chief Executive, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Debbie Barnes, Chief Executive, Lincolnshire County Council Sajeeda Rose, Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council
11:15am	Panel Discussion facilitated by Andrew Pritchard
11:45am	Refreshments
12noon	Session 2: The impact of the governments planning and housing reforms Insights into the Government's Planning Reform Agenda Andrew Pritchard, Director of Policy & Infrastructure, East Midlands Councils
12:30pm	Sector Perspectives Steffan Saunders, Head of Planning and Strategic Housing, South Derbyshire District Council Steve Birkinshaw, Head of Planning & Regeneration, Erewash Borough Council Vicky Evans, Director, ARUP
12:45pm	Panel Discussion facilitated by Andrew Pritchard
1:15pm	Lunch

2:00pm	<p>Session 3: Implementing Change</p> <p>Legal Implications of the Planning & Infrastructure Bill Hugh Richards & Anna Stein, No5 Chambers</p>
2:45pm	<p>Partner Perspectives Richard Wood, Director, Richard Wood Associates Jim Davies, Senior Advisor (Local Nature Recovery Strategies), Environment Agency</p>
3:15pm	<p>Panel Discussion facilitated by Andrew Pritchard</p>
3.45pm	<p>Closing Remarks: Chair</p>
4.00pm	<p>Close</p>