

One Voice Wales – Innovative Practice Conference

‘PLANNING AHEAD FOR A CHALLENGING FUTURE’

Wednesday 2nd July 2025
10:15am – 3:45pm
Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells

10:15	Welcome	Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair One Voice Wales
10:20	Setting the Scene for Today’s Conference	Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive One Voice Wales
10:30	What are the priorities for the community and town council sector in the period up to the 2027 elections?	Jayne Bryant, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government Matthew Wellington Deputy Director Local Government Policy
11:00	Addressing issues relating to democratic health in the local council sector	Dianne Bevan, Member of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
11:40 - 12:00	Short Break	
12:00	Is there potential for clustering in helping manage the growing demands on local councils?	Lyn Cadwallader, Chief Executive One Voice Wales
12:30	Save a Life Cymru – Defibrillator Management and Community CPR	Julie Starling - Clinical Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Programme Manager for Wales
12:40 - 1:30	Lunch Break	
1:30	Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Benefits for Local Councils	Paul Funnell, Digital Development Manager at Powys County Council
2:00	Community Asset Transfers – An exploration of the issues to be addressed by local councils	Gareth Kiddie Director GKA
2:30 - 2:40	Short Comfort Break	
2:40	Breakout Groups Community Boundary Reviews – (Planning Ahead) Cost of Living Crisis and its impact on local people throughout Wales Digitalisation – Enabling change and achieving greater efficiency and inclusion The Changing Procurement Landscape in Wales	Paul Egan One Voice Wales & Emma Smith Society of Local Council Clerks Emma Goode and the Cost-of-Living Team Paul Funnell, Digital Development Manager at Powys County Council Carl Thomas, Procurement Reform Team, Welsh Government
3:25	Plenary Session – To receive short feedback reports from Leaders of Break Out Groups	One Voice Wales to co-ordinate
3:45	Conclusion of Conference	Cllr Mike Theodoulou, Chair One Voice Wales