

Who we are and what we do

The LGA is the national membership body for local authorities and we work on behalf of our member councils to support, promote and improve local government.

Who are our members?

Our core membership comprises 328 of the 333 councils in England and includes district, county, metropolitan and unitary authorities along with London boroughs and the City of London Corporation. The 22 Welsh unitary councils are in membership via the Welsh Local Government Association.

We also operate an **Associate scheme**

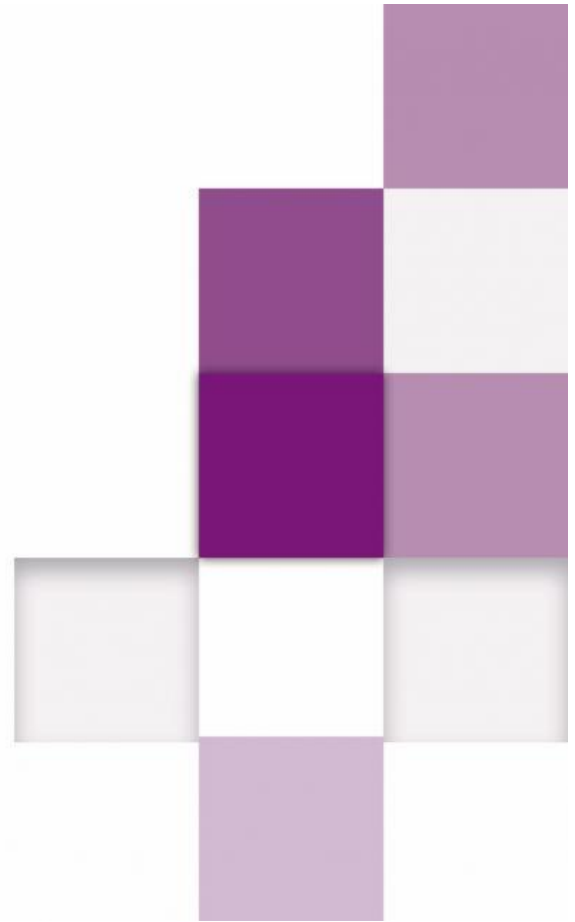
[\[https://www.local.gov.uk/about/membership-and-services-councils-and-councillors/lga-associate-members-scheme\]](https://www.local.gov.uk/about/membership-and-services-councils-and-councillors/lga-associate-members-scheme) for organisations whose purpose and objectives are aligned with our own. Our Associates include fire and rescue authorities, police, fire and crime commissioners/police and crime commissioners, national park authorities and town and parish councils via the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)'s corporate associate membership.

What is the LGA?

We are a politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. We aim to influence and set the political agenda on the issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems.

Our improvement offer

The LGA provides a range of **practical support** [\[/our-support/sector-support-offer\]](#), on a free of charge and/or subsidised basis, to enable local authorities to exploit the opportunities that this approach to improvement provides. This includes support of a corporate nature such as leadership programmes, peer challenge, **LG Inform** [\[https://lginform.local.gov.uk/\]](https://lginform.local.gov.uk/) (our benchmarking service) and programmes tailored to specific service areas such as children's, adults', health, care, financial, culture, tourism, sport and planning services.



LGA Business Plan 2019-2022

This business plan, updated in 2020, sets out how the LGA will continue to support and be an advocate for councils.

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LGA Transparency Statement on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

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Sector support offer

The LGA provides councils with tools and resources to respond to challenges, present and emerging, and supports improvement across the sector.

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What we spend and how we spend it

Financial information relating to projected and actual income and expenditure, tendering, procurement and contracts.
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Lists and registers

Information held in registers and other lists and registers relating to the functions of the LGA.
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Priorities and how we are doing

The LGA has set out a list of priorities for the year.
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Freedom of information

This page contains the policy of the Local Government Association with respect to freedom of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
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Our policies and procedures

Our current written protocols for delivering our functions and responsibilities.
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Public Information

Our publication scheme sets out the information that the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) recommends should be routinely available and acts as a quick link guide.
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