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Local Government Conference 2018

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**Guide to
Conference**



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London

Greetings from the London Co-operative Party

We are delighted to partner with the National Party to deliver today's conference. In May, 268 Labour & Co-operative councillors, and mayors of three London Boroughs were elected in London. We are looking forward to working with them to take forward the ideas discussed today, building a more co-operative capital together.

We'd like to invite all fellow co-operators to carry on the conversation after conference closes today. Join us at the nearby Mulberry Bush Pub from 5pm for post-conference drinks and social.

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Welcome



Welcome to the Co-operative Party Local Government Conference

Today's conference comes hot on the heels of a record 396 Co-operative councillors being elected across the country in May, in addition to four mayoral candidates; Damien Egan in Lewisham, Rokhsana Fiaz in Newham, Phillip Glanville in Hackney and Dan Jarvis MP, the first metro Mayor for South Yorkshire.

By coming together, councillors, candidates and members interested in local government, we can discuss collectively how co-operators in local government can 'Be The Difference'. How we can use our influence in the town hall to tackle the issues we face and make a real difference to our residents and communities.

The conference will hear how co-operative councillors are leading work on tackling modern slavery, housing, and procurement as well as an opportunity to discover new ideas for the future. There will also be an opportunity for new councillors to attend practical workshops on community energy, community wealth building and credit unions.

Enjoy today and please feel free to share your ideas by using our hashtag **#cooplocal18**

Yours in co-operation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Hoddinott". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Emma Hoddinott
Local Government Officer
The Co-operative Party

Conference programme

🕒 10:00

Arrival and registration

📍 Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, 108 Stamford Street, South Bank London SE1 9NH

🕒 10:30

Keynote

Dan Jarvis MP

Labour & Co-operative Mayor of South Yorkshire



🕒 10:45

Local procurement for social good in a post-Carillion era

Panel

Cllr **Steph Cryan**, London Borough of Southwark (Chair); Mayor **Philip Glanville**, Labour & Co-operative Mayor of Hackney; Cllr **James Lewis**, Deputy Leader, Leeds City Council; Cllr **Olivia Blake**, Deputy Leader, Sheffield City Council; **Nick Plumb**, Policy Officer, Locality

🕒 11:30

Leading the way in fighting modern slavery in our supply chains

Cllr **Emma Hoddinott**

Co-operative Party Local Government Officer

Rt Hon **Alun Michael**

Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales Police

'Why we signed the Co-operative Party's Modern Slavery Charter'

Cllr Tom Brook

Bristol City Council

Charter signing

Cllr Rachel Blake

Deputy Mayor for Regeneration and Air Quality
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

🕒 12:00 Coffee Break

🕒 12:15

Workshops

➤ **Community Wealth Building**

Cllr **Matthew Brown**, Leader of Preston City Council

➤ **Community energy**

Emma Bridge, Community Energy England
Dr **Afsheen Rashid** MBE

➤ **Credit unions and local councils**

Ian Brewer, Bradford & District Credit
Union, member of **ABCUL**

🕒 13:30 Lunch

🕒 14:15

Keynote

Cllr Georgia Gould

Leader, London Borough of Camden



🕒 14:30

Strengthening tenant voice in the private rented housing sector

Panel

Cllr **Anna Birley** (Chair), Co-operative Party;
Scott Jennings, Student Co-op Homes;
Leslie Channon, 'A Voice for Tenants' group;
Betsy Dillner, Generation Rent; **Damien Egan**,
Labour & Co-operative Mayor of Lewisham

🕒 15:30

Keynote

Jim McMahon MP

Shadow Minister for Local Government and Devolution
Chair Co-operative Party Parliamentary Group



🕒 15:40

Ideas for change

Panel

Joe Fortune (Chair), Co-operative Party; Cllr **Tom Hayes**,
Oxford City Council; Cllr **Chris Penberthy**, Plymouth
City Council; Cllr **Doina Cornell**, Leader, Stroud District
Council; Cllr **Rachel Blake**, Deputy Mayor, Tower Hamlets

🕒 16:30 Close

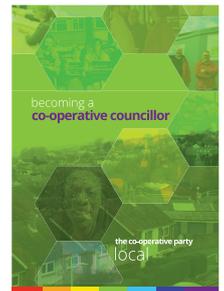
Resources & information

The Co-operative Party produces a range of policy documents and practical guides to support the work of co-operators in local government, which are free to download:

Becoming a co-operative councillor

This guide sets out what it means to be a co-operative councillor, the selection and election process, and practical ways councillors can champion co-operation in the communities they serve.

www.party.coop/publication/councillor-guide



6 Steps to build community wealth

A practical guide to implementing the 'community wealth building' model, based on using existing assets within the community to generate local economic growth co-operatively.

www.party.coop/publication/community-wealth



By us, for us: a co-operative agenda for enhanced city and county regions

As enhanced powers are transferred to city and county regions, this report outlines how co-operators can ensure the new powers reach beyond the town hall and into local communities.

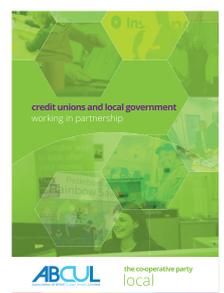
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Credit Unions and local government: working in partnership

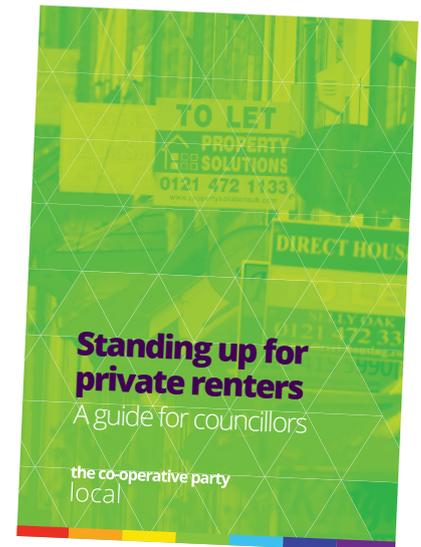
Produced in partnership with ABCUL, our guide includes examples of credit unions and local authorities working together to encourage financial resilience and vibrant local economies.

www.party.coop/publication/creditunions



Standing up for private renters

Published today, our latest 'Guide for Councillors' is designed to provide practical tools you can use to take on rogue landlords and to stand up for tenants in the private rental sector.



By the end of 2021 it is predicted that almost one in four households will be renting privately. These renters too often experience poor quality homes, insecure tenancies, punitive lettings fees and growing rents. Drawing on the ideas discussed in today's session, the Guide contains advice and ideas on:

- Understanding the private rented sector in your area, and the challenges local renters face
- Establishing a private tenants' association, giving private renters the ability to collectively organise for better conditions
- Steps your council can take to make it easier for private renters to raise concerns
- How to go about developing a private renters' charter
- Creating a voluntary landlords' register so that private renters can choose to rent their homes from responsible landlords
- Setting up a landlords' co-operative to provide a fairer lettings agency for both landlords and renters
- Ways you can toughen up enforcement action against poor standards and rogue landlords
- How to use selective licensing to improve standards
- Considering other issues important to private renters in your area

To download the guide, visit www.party.coop/private-renters

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