



Association of
Democratic Services
Officers

ADSO Annual Conference
21st and 22nd November 2019

Day 1

- 11.00am Arrival and Welcome
- 11.30am Welcome and Introductions
- Celebrating 10 years of ADSO**
- Introducing the Directors**
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Presentation from Main Sponsor – Civica
- 1.40pm **Workshops**
- 1) Ethical Standards – Jonathan Goolden, Wilkin Chapman
 - 2) Moving from Executive/Scrutiny to Committee System – Peter Sass, Head of Governance, Richmond and Wandsworth Councils
 - 3) Designing Council Meeting Layouts using Lego – Dr Dave McKenna
 - 4) The Growing Role of Combined Authorities – Jill Coule, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer – Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and Shahzia Daya, Director of Legal Services – West of England Combined Authority.
- 2.50pm Tea and Coffee
- 3.10pm **Plenary Session – Place Shaping and Commercialism**
Paul Turrell, Chief Executive Runnymede Borough Council
- 4.20pm **ADSO AGM**
- 5.00pm Closing remarks from Chair
- 7.00pm **Drinks reception**
- 7.30pm **Dinner and Awards**

Day 2

9.15am Arrival and tea and coffee

9.30am Welcome and Overview of the day

9.45am **Question Time**

Chaired by Peter Stanyon, Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators

Panel

Professor Robin Hambleton, University of the West of England

Heather Jameson, Editor Municipal Journal

Mike Norton, Editor Bristol Post

Claire Spencer, Senior Policy Adviser, West Midlands Combined Authority

10.45am **Plenary Session**

Marvin Rees, Elected Mayor, Bristol City Council

11.30am Tea and Coffee

11.45am **Steve Head, Motivational Speaker**

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm **Steve Head, Part 2**

2.15pm **Workshops**

- 1) Bethan Evans – New Models Of Governance – what members and officers need to know about accountability and transparency
- 2) Simon Goacher, Weightmans – Case Law Update
- 3) Jacqui McKinlay, Chief Executive Centre for Public Scrutiny – Scrutiny Update
- 4) The Method – Resilience and Grit

3.15pm Closing remarks from the Chair