

# The Next Chapter for Local Libraries: Understanding & Adapting to Changing Times

Taking place at [110 Rochester Row, London, SW1P 1JP](#) | Thursday 28th September

10.15 **Registration & Morning Refreshments**

11.00 **Chair's Introduction**

11:05 **Morning Keynote Session**

- Examining & implementing the strategy of the Government's Libraries Taskforce
  - Developing a 'libraries first' approach when planning services for the community
- ⇒ **Dr Paul Blatern**, *Chief Executive, Northamptonshire County Council & Chair, Libraries Taskforce*

11.45 **Morning Session: The Next Chapter for Local Libraries**

- Generating additional income streams to support existing services and develop new ones
  - Refreshing the image of public libraries: raising awareness of the wide range of services that libraries provide
  - Addressing the barriers to improving digital provision
  - Promoting a joined-up approach to procurement to help improve services and outcomes for communities
  - Making libraries more resilient and better equipped to face future challenges
  - Helping libraries use better evidence to support decision-making
- ⇒ **Ian Leete**, *Senior Adviser - Culture, Tourism and Sport, Local Government Association*
- ⇒ **Jenny Peachey**, *Senior Policy Officer, Carnegie UK Trust*
- ⇒ **Janet Holden**, *Head of Libraries and Information, Norfolk County Council*

13.15 **Networking Lunch**

14.00 **Afternoon Session: Examples of Effective Practice**

- Learning from examples of effective practice underway across the country
  - Thinking innovatively to make the most of limited funding
  - Working with community groups and local actors to develop provision levels
  - Developing and maintaining a culture of continuous improvement
- ⇒ **Lesley O'Halloran**, *Assistant Director for Customer Services, Wigan Council*
- ⇒ **Philip Wilson**, *Community Resilience Officer, Essex County Council*

15.30 **Event Close**

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