



Town & Parish Council Spring Conference
Thursday 5th March 2026, County Hall, Morpeth

(draft) Programme

Foyer

17:00-19:00 Registration, Refreshments and Marketplace

Council Chamber

18:00 Optional session tbc

19:00 Welcome
Councillor Isabel Hunter, Chair of Town and Parish Council Liaison Group

19:05 Opening remarks
Councillor Glen Sanderson, Leader of the Council

19.10 Session 1 – Healthy Communities
James Smith, Places Leisure

19.25 Session 2 – Community Governance Review
Lynsey Denyer, Head of Member Services and Elections

19:40 Session 3 – Changes to the Planning System, implications and our Local Plan
Rob Murfin, Director of Housing and Planning

19:55 Concluding remarks
Councillor David Hughes, Chair of Northumberland Association of Local Councils

20.00 Conference ends