



## 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