

AGENDA

- 1. Registration for Lincolnshire Independent Group only** **09:30**
- 2. Lincolnshire Independent Group meeting** **10:00**
- 3. Registration and refreshments for conference** **10:30**
- 4. Welcome and Update from the LGA Independent Group** **11:00**
Councillor Marianne Overton (Leader of the LGA Independent Group) to update the conference on the work of the Group.
- 5. Homelessness panel** **11:20**
Homelessness panel with Julia Miller (Assistant Housing Manager - North Kesteven District Council), Jasper Thompson (Help Bristol's Homeless) and John-Jo Cafferkey (organiser of campaigns to feed Lincoln's homeless) to discuss their voluntary sector work to prevent homelessness.
- 6. Centralising services in the NHS** **12:20**
Derek Ward (Director of Public Health – Lincolnshire County Council), a representative from Healthwatch, and Stephen Palmer (Lincolnshire Independents) to lead a discussion on centralising services in the NHS.
- 13:00 LUNCH-----**
- 7. Effect of Brexit on our rural economies and agriculture** **13:30**
Stuart Agnew (UKIP MEP for East of England on European Parliament's Agriculture & Rural Development Committee and UKIP's Agriculture Spokesman), Peter Lundgren (Campaigner for a viable sustainable future for British farming) and Ian Lings (Vice Chair of the Campaign to Protect Rural England – Lincolnshire branch) to lead a discussion and present on their work around protecting rural economies and agriculture.
- 8. Women in Local Government** **14:25**
Councillor Marianne Overton to update the conference on the hard work undertaken by the Women's Local Government Society, and to welcome A Woman in a Man's World to discuss their work.

9. Refreshments **15:00**

10. Connecting with voters: Be a Councillor **15:15**

A discussion on connecting with voters, and an opportunity for prospective candidates to speak with members about being an Independent Councillor.

-----**16:00 MEETING CLOSE**-----

Evening Reception **17:00**

A stroll down the hill to The Collection for a reception from 17:00-18:00 where Nick Byatt will give a speech to commemorate 100 years of the RAF. Nick amassed a wealth of experience during 32 years RAF service in a variety of senior roles including flying, command, UK operations management, infrastructure planning, doctrine development, training course management, design and instruction.

Dinner **18:00**

A reservation has been made for those who wish to stay on to dine at The Café at The Collection, for a set menu at £15 per person for two courses, as below. All are welcome to stay on for this – please let us know your food choices ASAP.

Main Course

Chicken and Coconut Curry, wild and basmati rice
Moroccan Lamb/Vegetarian Sweet Potato Tagine, herbed cous cous
Beef/Vegetarian Chilli, wild and basmati rice

....with side salad and bread rolls with butter.

Dessert

Chocolate Brownie, raspberry compote and cream.
Warm Apple cake, vanilla custard.