

# CCN

Annual Conference

2024



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Information  
2024**

We look forward to welcoming you to the County Councils Network's Annual Conference 2024 at the Crowne Plaza, Marlow from Sunday 10th to Tuesday 12th November.

Please find below important information about your attendance at the event including dining information as well as workshop and venue details. Please also check your booking information within your email. If there are any details that need correcting or clarifying, please email [ccnevents@local.gov.uk](mailto:ccnevents@local.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

The conference will be at the **Crowne Plaza Marlow, Fieldhouse Lane, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 1GJ.**

### **Transport**

The hotel is easily accessible from the M4, M25 & M40 motorways via the A404 and is located within half an hour drive from Oxford, Reading, Windsor, Maidenhead, High Wycombe and Henley-on-Thames.

The recommended train station is High Wycombe which has a taxi rank by the exit to the station. The local Marlow train station is small and does not have any taxis available unless you have pre-booked.

We encourage car sharing if colleagues are travelling from the same area.

### **Venue Facilities**

The hotel has confirmed that delegates are free to use the facilities for the duration of the conference, which includes the swimming pool, indoor and outdoor spa pools, sauna and steam room, gym and Quad Beauty Treatment Rooms. For the opening times for these facilities please ask at the Hotel Reception.

### **Conference App**

*Our conference continues to be paperless, and this year's new Conference App gives you access to the full programme and presentations, and allows you to find out more about our Conference Partners. We are delighted to be launching two new pieces of research, both of which will also be made available via the App.*

*For Apple users: Visit the app store and search 'County Councils Network'*

*For Android users: Visit Google play and search 'CCN Events App'*

*We recommend that those attending speak to their IT team in advance to ensure the app is downloaded.*

*We will be sending the App Link and full User Guide **the week prior to CCN Conference.***

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## Full Agenda

The conference agenda which provides full details of plenaries, workshops, and speakers is available on the Conference App.

## Registration

The conference registration desk will be open from:

- 3.30pm to 6.00pm on Sunday 10th November
- 8.00am – 9.00am on Monday 12th November

To book-in and receive your badge you will be asked to enter your surname on at the Registration desk iPads. Members of the CCN team will be available at check-in during these times to greet you and help with any issues you may have.

For those with accommodation booked you will need to check-in separately at the hotel reception.

If you have driven to CCN Conference please submit your car licence plate to the hotel's parking system. You will be able to do this at either CCN's Registration desk or the Hotel's reception. Please note that a failure to do this may result in your receiving from the hotel's parking contractor.

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## Workshops

On Monday afternoon we have three workshops taking place. Each workshop contains valuable information for your authority, we recommend discussing these with other colleagues attending the conference to ensure you split attendance across each workshop so information can be shared across your local authority.

- **Capita:** Empowering communities: innovating energy savings for a sustainable future
- **Grant Thornton:** Local Government reorganisation and the implications for devolution
- **PWC:** Beyond customer services: enhancing delivery through the use of AI

You can find full details about the sessions, setting out what they will cover and speaker profiles, on the Conference App.

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## Dining and Drinks Receptions

### Sunday 10th November 2024

The Welcome Drinks Reception will take place from 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the Conservatory Exhibition area. Our Strategic Partner CCLA are kindly supporting this event.

Following the reception there will be an informal hot buffet dinner in the Restaurant.

### Monday 20th November 2023

Breakfast is served from 7am. Lunch will be an informal buffet.

The Annual CCN Conference Dinner Drinks Reception, supported by Local Partnerships, will be held in the Conservatory Exhibition area 7–8pm.

This will be followed by the formal CCN Annual Dinner in the Winterlake Suite, kindly supported by Believ, at which the impressionist Rory Bremner will be this year's after dinner speaker.

The dress code is formal, but not black tie.

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## CCN Annual Dinner Menu

Below we have set out the standard menu for those without dietary requirements, and the menu for those who informed us at the point of booking that they are vegetarian and vegan.

Delegates who have highlighted other specific dietary requirements will have a suitably adapted menu: if you have registered a dietary requirement and would like to see your personal menu please email [ccnevents@local.gov.uk](mailto:ccnevents@local.gov.uk)

Please note it will not be possible to change your order or add dietary requirements on the day.

### Starter

Chicken Liver Parfait served with a Balsamic Onion Jam and Sour Dough Toast  
Roast Tomato and Pepper Soup with Basil Oil and Artisan Bread (V)  
Wild Mushroom Soup with Artisan Bread (Vg)

### Main

Braised Beef Feather Blade served with a Parsley Mash, Mushroom, Silver Skin Onion and a Bourguignon Sauce  
Glazed Goats Cheese served with a Parmentier Potato, with Roast Peppers, Aubergine and a Tomato Sauce (V)  
Stuffed Courgette Cannelloni (Vg)

### Dessert

Lemon & Lime Cheesecake with a Spiced Apple Sorbet  
Chocolate & Coconut Tart (Vg)

Served alongside Tea and Coffee and mints

## Tuesday 12th November 2024

Breakfast is served from 7am. Lunch will be an informal buffet available at conference close.

The conference is expected to close at around 13.15, after which an informal buffet lunch will be served in the restaurant.

For any further details or to confirm your arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact CCN at [ccnevents@local.gov.uk](mailto:ccnevents@local.gov.uk). The CCN Team will also be visible throughout conference in case you have any questions whilst we are at Marlow.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Conference.

Regards



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