

NPF EVENT AT THE LGA SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

1. The National Planning Forum is intending to hold a fringe event at the Local Government Association's (LGA) Sustainable Communities Conference in Birmingham. The Conference is to be held from 13-15 February 2006. The time and date of the slot is yet to be confirmed, but is likely to be for 45 minutes.
2. The aim of the event is to be to stimulate people to join the NPF. It is proposed that the event should start with a brief (5 minute) outline of the NPF's work. This is to be followed by an example of changing practice from the perspective of the different sectors - either a protocol for development control, or a new approach to spatial planning involving several local planning authorities working together on one spatial plan. The quick-fire presentations would be a maximum of 5 minutes each, with a 5 minute Q&A session.
3. The event would end with a 10-15 minute back-projected photomontage of (RTPI and/or other) planning award winners and an opportunity for informal networking. Following the presentations, refreshments would be served appropriate to the timing of the event - either early morning or early evening. A handout on the NPF is to be produced for distribution at this, and other, conferences.
5. Views on the above, and offers of support/sponsorship for the refreshments would be welcome.

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