

The National GovTech Show and Exhibition 2026

Agenda

8:30am	Delegate Registration & Networking
9:30am	Chairs Opening Address David Bicknell, Principal Analyst, GlobalData
9:40am	A National Blueprint for Local Government Digital Transformation Jamie Cross, Programme Manager - DDaT, Local Government Association
10:00am	The Future of Digital Local Government: From Strategy to Delivery Nadira Hussain, Chief Executive Officer, Socitm, and Barry May, Assistant Director, Resident Experience, Digital & Commercial, London Borough of Barnet
10:20am	AI-Powered Commissioning for Voluntary Sector Organisations Ceci Sutcliffe, Partnerships Lead, Plinth
10:40am	Questions and Answers Panel
10:50am	Break & Networking
11:20am	Building the Foundations for Smarter Public Services Alexandra Luck, Programme Director - National Digital Twin Programme, Department for Business and Trade
11:40am	Dubai Says 50% Agentic AI in Two Years. What Should the UK Do? Gareth Humphreys, Founder and CEO, SPG Intelligence
12:00pm	Embedding Sustainability into Digital Transformation Lydia Tabbron, Digital Sustainability Lead, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
12:30pm	Reimagining Case Management Systems with AI Jonny Hoyle, Group Manager, North Yorkshire Council, in partnership with Tom Hughes, Business Development Director, Simpson Associates
12:40pm	Lunch and Networking
1:40pm	Building Quantum Readiness Across the Public Sector Faiyaz Amin, Senior Policy Adviser - Quantum Readiness and Adoption, Office for Quantum, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
2:00pm	Rethinking Procurement and Legacy Systems in Government Sarbjit Bakhshi, Digital Best Practice Manager, London Office of Technology & Innovation
2:20pm	Driving Digital Service Innovation Through Modern Tech Leadership Ade Bamigboye, Former Chief Technology Officer, Kensington and Chelsea Council
2:40pm	Digital Leadership in a Unique and Complex Authority Zakki Ghauri, Group Director of Digital, Information & Technology, City of London Corporation
3:00pm	Break & Networking
3:20pm	Building a County-Wide Digital Service in Essex: Vision, Priorities and Preparing for Local Government Reorganisation Nathan Pierce, Director of Essex Digital Service, Essex County Council
3:40pm	Delivering Organisational Transformation Through Skills and Culture Change Judith Greenhalgh, Executive Director, Resources, Walsall Council
4:00pm	Chairs Closing Summary David Bicknell, Principal Analyst, GlobalData
4:05pm	Conference Close