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## About

The Annual Socitm Conference took place on the 9-10th October and welcomed IT professionals from across local government. Tackling key issues at the heart of ICT, the audience discovered, determined and deliberated the latest developments, strategies, tools, techniques and technologies available that are driving IT strategies, departments and councils forwards across the country.

### Key topics included:

- Showcasing success, driving change, changing mind-sets: Women in IT
- Co-creation and Co-production - Smart Places and Location Intelligence
- Data protection reform: GDPR and the future of local government data
- Preparing for the digital revolution in local government
- Innovation thinking and public sector data
- Cyber security in local public services
- The future of ICT & local government
- Boosting collaborative leadership

### Speakers included:

- **Geoff Connell**, Socitm President and Head of IM & Technology, Norfolk County Council
- **Sean Green**, Director of IT, City of London Corporation & City of London Police
- **Justin Massarella Ferguson**, Senior Consultant Information Governance, Iron Mountain
- **Mark Brett**, Cyber Security Advisor, National Cyber Security Programme Local, DCLG
- **Sandra Taylor**, Head of ICT Services, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- **Nick Corrigan**, Head of Digital Futures, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
- **Maryvonne Hassall**, IT Strategy Manager, Aylesbury Vale District Council
- **Pye Nyunt**, Corporate Insight Hub Manager, Barking & Dagenham
- **Nick Shipton**, Dynamic Scheduling Product Director, Kirona
- **Paul Saunders**, Mobile Workforce Product Director, Kirona
- **Andy Coote**, Location Practice Group Leader, Socitm Advisory
- **Nadira Hussain**, Head of ICT, London Borough of Enfield
- **Martin Ferguson**, Policy and Research Director, Socitm
- **Darryl Beckford**, Head of Digital Acceleration, KCOM
- **John Woolley**, Head of Technical Sales, Iron Mountain
- **Hilary Simpson**, Founder, Sleuth the Consultancy Coop

- **Dr Mark Thompson**, Strategy Director, CoreAzure
- **Ruby Dixon**, Strategic Transformation Consultant
- **Stuart Higgins**, Head of Smart Cities and IoT, Cisco
- **Adam Louca**, Chief Security Technologist, Softcat
- **Mark Briggs**, Managing Director, CoreAzure
- **Kirk Ryan**, Cloud Solution Architect, NetApp
- **Chris Riley**, ICT Manager, Lancaster City Council
- **Paul Maltby**, Director Data Projects, DCLG
- **Jos Creese**, Digital Analyst and CEO, CCL
- **Paul Wilford**, Solutions Architect, EACS
- **Andrew Grant**, CEO, AVDC
- **Senior Representative**, CityVerve
- **Colin Williams**, Director, SBL
- **Russell Tilsed**, 8x8

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- Members include leaders and managers in the design and delivery of digital and IT-enabled services for public benefit.
- There are a range of membership categories and options that will fit with specific career and organisational objectives, as well as specific opportunities for personal and professional development.
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