

Commercial Services Bulletin Issue 1 - October 2025

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly bulletin, showcasing our consultancy support team **Talent Bank**, **Together in Equity (TIE)** specialist training services and **our events management service**. Our team have been at the heart of delivering multiple assignments and projects for our member authorities through Talent Bank Consultancy, sector-leading training in equity, diversity and inclusion through Together in Equity (TIE) and professionally coordinated and impactful events.



Sharon Bleese
Head of Communications
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From tailored consultancy through to bespoke workshops and high-profile networking events our team are ready to support our member authorities and wider public sector colleagues. This bulletin highlights the services we offer, our LGR specific services and up and coming events and event management services. Please let us know how we can support you.

Quick overview of upcoming events and training

- 7 October 2025: Local Government Essentials East: HR Human Resilience and Human Readiness
- 4 November 2025: Devolution Opportunities in the East of England
- 12 November 2025: LGE Roundtable Discussion: A Return to Energy Provision? Building Energy Resilience and the Role of Local Government
- 18 November 2025: Working with Roma Communities in a Safeguarding and Child Protection Context
- 19 November 2025: East of England APPG and LGE Parliamentary Reception (invitation only)
- 27 November 2025: Water Futures: Codesign, Collaboration, and Partnership Working in the Water Space
- 2 December 2025: LGE Roundtable Discussion: Project Finance How do you get your plans off the ground
- 11 December 2025: An Introduction for HR Leads New to Local Government For more information about each event, please click on the event name.

Talent Bank

Talent Bank is your gateway to flexible, collaborative consultancy services designed specifically for councils across the East of England. We connect skilled professionals with short-term, interim, and project-based opportunities within the public sector — helping authorities respond quickly to changing needs while supporting knowledge sharing. Whether you're looking to fill a critical skills gap or take on your next public service challenge, the Talent Bank offers:

- Access to experienced, pre-vetted professionals.
- All services are available through a public to public (Teckal) exemption.
- A streamlined, cost-effective alternative to traditional agency hiring.
- Opportunities for local collaboration and knowledge exchange.

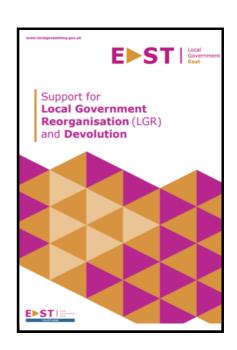
Meet the experts ready to support your needs — click HERE to explore our Talent Bank associates.

"Talent Bank has been a responsive and reliable source of expert support for Tendering. The ease of accessing high quality Associates, combined with the flexibility of the model has made it an invaluable resource for progressing a number of complex and time sensitive work streams".

Katie Wilkins FCIPD, Assistant Director of People, Tendring District Council

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and Devolution

Discover our **LGR & Devolution brochure** — your concise, go-to guide for navigating the changing landscape of local government. Whether you're seeking clarity on reorganisation, devolution deals, or the support available, this brochure brings complex policy, essential tools, and strategic guidance into one powerful package. Designed for our member authorities, it's your roadmap for building capacity, driving collaboration, and achieving a smooth transition into the future of local governance.



For a more detailed overview of how Local Government East can provide support with LGR and Devolution, please view our brochure HERE.

Together in Equity (TIE)

TIE helps local authorities and organisations embed equity, diversity, and inclusion by training staff to recognise diverse needs and deliver personcentred services. Through guidance on Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs) and focus areas such as neurodiversity, anti-racism, and mental health, TIE equips teams to challenge bias, support wellbeing, and drive positive, community-informed change.

To find out more click HERE

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Don't miss out...book your place today

Working with Roma Communities in a Safeguarding and Child Protection Context - 18 November 2025 (10:00 - 13:00, virtual event)

Don't miss this opportunity to boost your expertise and confidence in supporting Roma families with compassion and cultural insight!



LGE Roundtable Discussion 2025/2026

The sessions are open to all councils in the East of England and their partner organisations. At the LGE Roundtable Discussions, you will hear from a guest speaker on each theme and have the opportunity to learn from, and share, your own examples of best practice, opportunities, and challenges.

Click on the sessions below for further information and booking page.

12 NOVEMBER 2025:

A Return to Energy Provision?

2 DECEMBER 2025:

Project Finance - How do you get your plans off the ground

13 JANUARY 2026:

Temporary Accommodation Solutions in the East

3 FEBRUARY 2026:

Sustainable Construction Methods in the East

17 MARCH 2026:

Delivering Neighbourhood Health and Improving Mental Health

If you have any queries please contact Matthew Stewart, Policy and Programmes Manager, Local Government East, email; matt.stewart@localgoveasteng.gov.uk

Event Management Service

Delivering seamless and professional events, whether in-person or online, requires expertise and precision.

Local Government East's skilled events team specialise in organising events for the public and voluntary sectors, including our member authorities in the East of England.

We provide a flexible and comprehensive event management service tailored to your individual needs. We fully understand that every event is unique. From small meetings to full-day conferences, we can manage the entire process or support specific aspects based on your requirements.

Our event management packages encompasses a wide range of services, including venue or virtual platform coordination, delegate and speaker management, workshop facilitation, event resources, on-the-day support, and post-event follow-up. Whether you need complete event management or assistance with key elements, our agile approach ensures exceptional results.

Why choose us? Our service is completely adaptable, giving you the flexibility to select the level of support that suits your needs..

Click HERE to download a copy of our Event Management Service Brochure

Planning an event?

Contact Jayne for more information on our bespoke event services. We're here to help bring your vision to life.

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"I can fully endorse LGE's skills in this area. Jayne and her team are true professionals and deliver a cost-effective service. And most importantly, they are great to work with!"

Meet the Commercial Services Team



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