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| 09:25 | Welcome from Dods D&I
<i>Kiren Kaur, Diversity & Inclusion Manager, Dods D&I</i> |
| 09:30 | Chair's Opening Remarks
<i>CHAIR: Susan Parsonage, Chief Executive, Wokingham Borough Council</i> |
| 09:45 | Examining the current landscape for women in local government <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding why women are underrepresented in senior positions• Addressing the cultural and practical obstacles to leadership <i>SPEAKER: Dame Margaret Hodge, MP for Barking</i> |
| 10:15 | Comfort Break |
| 10:25 | The Power of Storytelling: using storytelling to overcome self-imposed barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How stories shape our identities as leaders and as individuals• Interrogating the stories you tell about yourself• Re-shaping your narratives to empower yourself to grow, achieve and inspire <i>SPEAKER: Susie Ramroop, Managing Director, Make Life Simple and Mindset Coach</i> |
| 11:10 | Comfort Break |
| 11:30 | Preparing for success: laying the groundwork to communicate with impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structuring your meetings and preparatory work for maximum effect• Managing adrenaline to think clearly under pressure• Holding attention in a virtual environment <i>SPEAKER: Cath Baxter, Professional Voice and Public Speaking Consultant & former Head of Voice, Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts</i> |
| 12:30 | Comfort Break |

12:40	<p>Thinking strategically: using self-awareness to drive better decision-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing your purpose and understanding your strengths • Working parents: identifying strategies to create the balance you need • Dreaming big: having the confidence to aim high and get up when you fall <p>SPEAKER: Councillor Marianne Overton MBE, Vice Chair, Local Government Association, Leader, LGA Independent Group & Vice-Chair, Women's Local Government Society</p> <p>SPEAKER: Jenifer Jackson, Assistant Director - Planning and Transport, Richmond and Wandsworth Councils</p> <p>SPEAKER: Fiona Ledden, City Solicitor, Manchester City Council</p>
13:30	<p>Break for Lunch</p>
14:15	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Resilience in uncertainty: key lessons to take forward from COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting your mental health and wellbeing in the face of adversity • Asking for what you need, at home and at work • Maintaining confidence in your abilities and worth during difficult times <p>SPEAKER: Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Health, Birmingham City Council</p> <p>SPEAKER: Helen Jenkins, Head of Leadership, Local Government Association</p> <p>SPEAKER: Sarah Richardson, Head of Strategy - Corporate Strategy and Policy, Surrey County Council</p>
15:25	<p>Comfort Break</p>
15:40	<p>Leading a change in culture: where do we go from here?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the visibility of women as senior leaders in local government • Intersectionality at work: appreciating the impact of different characteristics in shaping one's experience • You've got a friend in me: being an ally to others and lifting others as you climb • Authentic leadership: finding the courage to lead authentically <p>SPEAKER: Shazia Hussain, Assistant Chief Executive, Brent Council</p>
16:15	<p>Chair's Closing Remarks</p> <p>CHAIR: Susan Parsonage, Chief Executive, Wokingham Borough Council</p>
16:30	<p>Event Close</p>