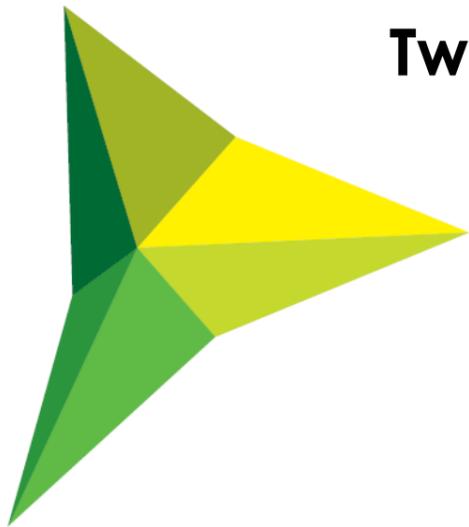


# Twelve days of an East of England LGA Christmas...

Supporting councils to be the best they can be for their communities.



## 1 Innovative Model of Care

We have been driving forward the development of an innovative model of care at home to help tackle the health and social care crisis. Inspired by a Dutch model of care, known as Buurtzorg, we are working with partners in Suffolk and Cambridgeshire to test this new approach. This work has grabbed the attention of Matt Hancock, the Secretary of State for Health and Care, who in a recent speech said, "I want to see it grow."

## 2 Public Practice Cohorts



With a shortage of planning professionals a common issue amongst our members, we have supported an initiative called "Public Practice", which is developing highly motivated and specially trained planning and regeneration practitioners who will be available for placements in local authorities across London, South East and the East of England.

## 5 Exec Recruitments



Our executive recruitment service, relaunched this year, delivers a tailored package to headhunt and fill senior posts. It draws on our in-depth experience and understanding of the sector. We have already helped five councils in the region appoint Chief Executives and Strategic and Executive Directors. Our ambition is to be the go-to organisation for councils looking to appoint senior staff.



## 8 Collaborative Responses

Over the past year we have worked hard to pool the collective power of our members to deliver regional responses to: The Mayor of London's Plan; the Mayor of London's housing, environment and transport strategies; the National Infrastructure Commission; The Major Roads Network; LGA Adult Social Care Green Paper; and, the Autumn Statement.

## 9 Transport Drivers

We have been central to supporting the establishment of a new sub-national transport body in the region. Transport East brings together the transport and planning authorities, alongside the Local Enterprises in Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Southend-on-Sea, and will ensure that strategic transport infrastructure is fit for the future.

## 3 Commercial Councils

With many authorities looking to adopt a more commercial approach, we have delivered in-house training programmes for three councils who are pursuing this as a way to improve their financial resilience and support the delivery of core services.

## 6 Banks of Talent

Talent Bank is our most prominent commercial service. We provide highly qualified and knowledgeable associates across a number of specialist areas of activity, as well as more generic services like project and programme management and service reviews. We currently have six Talent Bank services covering commercialisation, HR and organisational development, procurement, public service reform, asset management and housing.

## 10 Economic Champions

Our cross-party, Infrastructure and Growth Group brings together 10 elected members who have been leading the Wider South East programme; lobbying on housing barriers and strategic infrastructure needs, as well as influencing the development of the London Plan. The Group has also been engaging with the East of England All-party Parliamentary Group, with the Association as sponsor, to mobilise our 58 regional MPs to strengthen our messages to Government.



## 7 South Essex Partners

We have supported a cross-boundary collaboration on strategic infrastructure planning to the South Essex authorities, providing an untapped opportunity to secure long-term, sustainable economic growth in the area.

## 11 Budding Apprentices

This year we have strengthened our commitment to supporting our members to deliver apprenticeship training. Through strong collective working, we want to ensure that any Apprenticeship levy money is spent in the most effective way. We have worked with members to implement a regional Apprenticeship Strategy, alongside a 'Get up and Grow' campaign, which amongst other activity has highlighted the experiences of apprentices from across the region each month.



## 4 Networks of Lead Members

Our popular lead member networks provide the opportunity for adult social care, health, children's services, and finance lead members to come together to take a peer to peer approach to tackling the challenges, sharing approaches and jointly influencing government through a strong, united voice.

## 12 FTE of dedicated staff at the Association who wish you all

# A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

