**Conference Timetable**

**Friday 15 September 2017**

5pm onwards Registration

7pm Welcome by **Serena Powis**

Chair, Regional Local Government Committee

Dinner

**Speaker One: Glen Williams, Chair of the UNISON Local Government Service Group Executive**

Awards

**Saturday 16 September 2017**

8am Breakfast

9.15am Welcome by Serena Powis

 Outline of programme for the day and domestics

9.20 – 9.35am **Update on** **issues and campaigns relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme and Trade Union Act**

Steve Brazier will provide an update on work being done regionally and nationally on the changes to the LGPS and how to get involved in campaigns around these changes. He will also present on follow up action to the Trade Union Act required with employers in relation to the deduction of members subscriptions from salary and new procedures for industrial action balloting

9.35 – 10.20am **Workshop Choice**

Equalities and increasing participation in the union particularly focussing on Black Members/ Housing Policy issues in the aftermath of the Grenfell Disaster/ A guide to using Slack and the Organising Space

10.25 – 11.10am **Pay Campaign Workshops**

 NJC pay branches/ Local pay branches

11.10 – 11.30am Tea and Coffee Break

11.30am **Conference Business**

 Annual Report

 Priorities & Objectives

 Elections

 Emergency Motions

12.30 – 1.15pm Lunch (Health colleagues to be invited to arrive for 1.15pm start)

1.15 – 2.00pm **Speaker Two:** to be confirmed

Questions and contributions from the floor

2.00 – 2.30pm **Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)**

Tony Jones, Regional Head of Health, will explain what STPs are, what impact they will have on Local Government and Health services and jobs locally, and how UNISON can campaign around this issue. Colleagues from the Health Service group are also invited to join this session.

2.30 – 3.50pm **STP Workshops**

Conference delegates will meet with other UNISON activists from the STP footprint they work in to find out what is known about STP plans in the area, and to explore and plan joint campaigning around these plans. Colleagues from the Health Service group are also invited to join this session.

3.50 – 4.00pm Closing remarks by Serena Powis

4.00pm Inaugural Local Government Committee meeting to elect Chair and Vice Chair (newly elected Committee members only to attend this meeting)