

Themes from the 2026/2027 funding Rules Webinar

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Apprenticeship Units:

Andrea Cahill andrea.cahill@kent.gov.uk is anyone using the AI Units ?

Levy Forecasting :

ACTION : LGA to host a webinar with Natalie Holbrook and colleagues to demonstrate methods (will be either late august or early September avoiding the two weeks after the bank holiday)

Ivan Eaton ivan.eaton@bedford.gov.uk - I am very concerned about forecasting does anyone have a solution that could be shared, i have found a few, but none are reliable. I have pulled back on spend so not to go over.

Daniel Uttley-Wren daniel.uttley-wren@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk have concerns with levy forecasting so if anyone can help that would be great.

Kate MacDonald kate.macdonald@shropshire.gov.uk - Ivan there are colleagues in the West Mids who are testing something but not sure if they're on the call today to update

Anna Maddern anna.maddern@cornwall.gov.uk Ivan, I am testing something in Cornwall currently.

Annabel MacGregor annabel.macgregor@northyorks.gov.uk In North Yorkshire we will be transferring less for now till we get some clarification.

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Sarah Hadcroft sarah.hadcroft@lancashire.gov.uk Daniel I did a lot of research on how organisations are forecasting their levy funding and they all came back with bespoke spreadsheets - even BAE who have 1000s of apprentices.

Janine Watkins janine.watkins@bracknell-forest.gov.uk Would also be interested in Levy forecasting tools. At the moment we are OK at Bracknell but not really sure what impact the changes are likely to have and how soon.

Natalie Holbrook natalie.holbrook@lincolnshire.gov.uk We use a combination of excel / Power BI and the DAS

LGR

ACTION: If we are able to we will share the list of dates so everyone can see who is moving forward at the same time

Also to highlight that on 29th September we have a webinar with Annabel MacGregor specifically about how to manage the DAS in LGR, supported by an LGR DAS Handbook available on the same day. The registration for all of the future webinars will be available next week

Sarah Hadcroft Is anyone else on this webinar going through LGR currently - or have recently? My belief that new PAYE schemes that are created as part of LGR the levy balance will be NIL on the new scheme. Need to find more information around this as Lancashire County Council in the process of LGR. Vesting day - April 2028

Andrea Cahill Can I highlight a future theme - LGR - thank you

Sarah Hadcroft Definitely agree - LGR a big theme for us.

Social Worker

Andrea Cahill Social worker -where does it say there is a level 7 apprenticeship route or can it be that there is a level 7 route generally so that automatically means it can be delivered as an apprenticeship? sorry if i haven't understood properly

This is just a sentence at the end of the occupational standard 'This is a Level 6 apprenticeship. However, there is an option for the learning to be delivered at an undergraduate or postgraduate level. The level will be dependent on the employer's arrangements with the training provider.'

<https://skillsengland.education.gov.uk/apprenticeships/st0510-v2-0>

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Apprentice cohort uploads via the ILR

ACTON LGA to confirm with DWP how bulk uploads are handled in the DAS

Sarah Hadcroft dare I mention the elephant in the room - Apprentice cohorts created by ILR uploads - do we know how the apprenticeship cohorts appearing on DAS for approval? Will this mean large cohorts appearing on DAS at fewer frequency rather than allowing small cohorts throughout the month when manual uploads were in allowed?

Annabel MacGregor Will the ILR upload also make the start/end dates look different as the ILR works on qualification start/end dates which doesn't include the time to complete EPA.

Procurement

Natalie Holbrook -Would appreciate any information on procurement systems or national frameworks used to procure training - we are starting the LGR journey - our DPS will expire on the same day the council will cease to exist - need to explore next steps for April 2028 and what that might look like, thanks 😊

Sarah Hadcroft Natalie, looks like we have the same vesting day - which council are you from - we are Lancashire. Procurement framework - have you looked at YPO?

Katharine Owen katharine.owen@haverling.gov.uk YPO is our preferred framework at Havering.

Foundation Apprenticeships

ACTION: LGA to confirm with DWP

Nicky Shamsee nicky.shamsee@knowsley.gov.uk - Are there plans for expanding the range of Foundation Apprenticeship subject areas?

Apprenticeship Pathways

Karen Arnold apprenticeships@buckinghamshire.gov.uk These Pathways docs are really useful for initiating and shaping chats with Services- thank you :)

During the session we referenced the 9 new Apprenticeship Pathway documents and colleagues asked for the links. You can access these from the [Gateway Home Page](#) via the [Resources Tab](#), by choosing the [Pathways Pillar](#) where each pathway is stored. You can also use the individual links in the table below.

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Apprenticeship Pathways Route from Gateway Home Page : Tab: Resources Pillar: Apprenticeship Pathways	
Resource Title & Link	Link
Social Work Apprenticeship Roles and Career Pathways-June 2026	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443186414/1189290316/maximized
Social Care Apprenticeship Roles and Career Pathways-June 2026	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443187947/1189290316/maximized
Regulatory Services and Environmental Health Apprenticeship Roles and Career Pathways-June26	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443189432/1189290316/maximized
Planning and Building Control Apprenticeship Roles and Career Pathways-June 26	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443188835/1189290316/maximized
Legal Services Career Pathways-June 26	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443189631/1189290316/maximized
Finance and Accounting Career Pathways-June 26	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443190350/1189290316/maximized
Housing and Community Services Career Pathways-June 26	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443190998/1189290316/maximized
Digital and ICT Career Pathways-June 26	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443199277/1189290316/maximized
Civil Engineering Career Pathways-June 26	https://khub.net/web/apprenticeships-gateway/resources/-/ddl_display/ddl/1443199340/1189290316/maximized

Team Leader L 3 Alternatives

Andrea Cahill has anyone found alternatives to the L3 team leader and L5 Ops manager - they were a key part of some of our pathways

Anna Madden I'm setting up a meeting for LA's to come together to discuss alternatives for Leadership & Management provision following the defunded apprenticeships.
contact Anna if you would like to attend.

Daniel Uttley-Wren The Level 5 Operations manager were some of our key pathways too, but we haven't found alternatives yet.

Sarah Hadcroft Alternative to TL 3 - we are looking at Improvement Practitioner L3

Elaine Mallinson Andrea Cahill, we are working with Future Talent Learning to adapt the Level 4 Junior Manager Consultant as a lot of the KSBs are covered in this from the Lv3 and Level 5.

Daniel Uttley-Wren f anyone has any suggestions do contact me, it would be great to hear from you - apprenticeships@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Jackie Jackson lod are doing some interesting standards and including some CMI quals - I think it was call 'service designer'

Sarah Hadcroft Our provider is including an ILM qualification as a top up.