

Birmingham Policy Commissions at the 2011 Party Conferences



**Policy Commission I fringe event:
'The Future of Local Public Services'
Conservative Party Conference, Manchester**

A debate exploring the first Commission's findings and, more specifically, the recommendation that the 21st century requires the development of a new generation of public servants, took place on 03 October 2011. [Listen to Professor Tony Bovaird introducing the event.](#) ([research/impact/policy-](#)

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**Policy Commission II fringe event:
'Nuclear Power: What Does the Future Hold?'
Liberal Democrats Party Conference, Birmingham**

This event, held on 20 September 2011, explored questions central to the second Policy Commission such as whether the case for nuclear power in the UK has been made, the risks and benefits of nuclear power, whether nuclear energy is a finite resource, the expected energy mix without nuclear power, and the future beyond 2030-2050. [Listen to Professor Martin Freer introducing the event.](#) ([research/impact/policy-commissions/nuclear/podcastfreer.aspx](#))

**Policy Commission III fringe event:
'Healthy Ageing in the 21st Century'
Labour Party Conference, Liverpool**

A fringe event held on 26 September 2011 introduced the focus of the University's third Policy Commission. [Listen to Professor Jean McHale introducing the event.](#) ([research/impact/policy-commissions/healthy-ageing/future-commissions-podcastmchale.aspx](#))