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Deal or no deal?

David Prout, director of local democracy with the department for communities and local government opened APSE's White Paper Seminar, Strong and Prosperous Communities, with promises of a new deal for local government.

Throwing down a challenge to local authorities, police and fire authorities. Mr Prout outlined the 'offer' of an enhanced role for local authorities in leading local communities, to be a place shaper for the local area and to bring local public services together with more space for local authorities to focus on their top priorities and to be innovative and responsive.

However Mr Prout also warned that like all good deals there are two sides. In exchange for 'the offer' the local authority 'exchange' was "more bottom up accountability, stronger local authority leadership and better more efficient services with tougher intervention if things go wrong".

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