



GOVERNMENT OFFICE  
FOR THE NORTH WEST

# Local Futures

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# What's coming?

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- An election
- Less cash
- More local engagement
- ...and delegation?
- Service integration?



# History of “localism”

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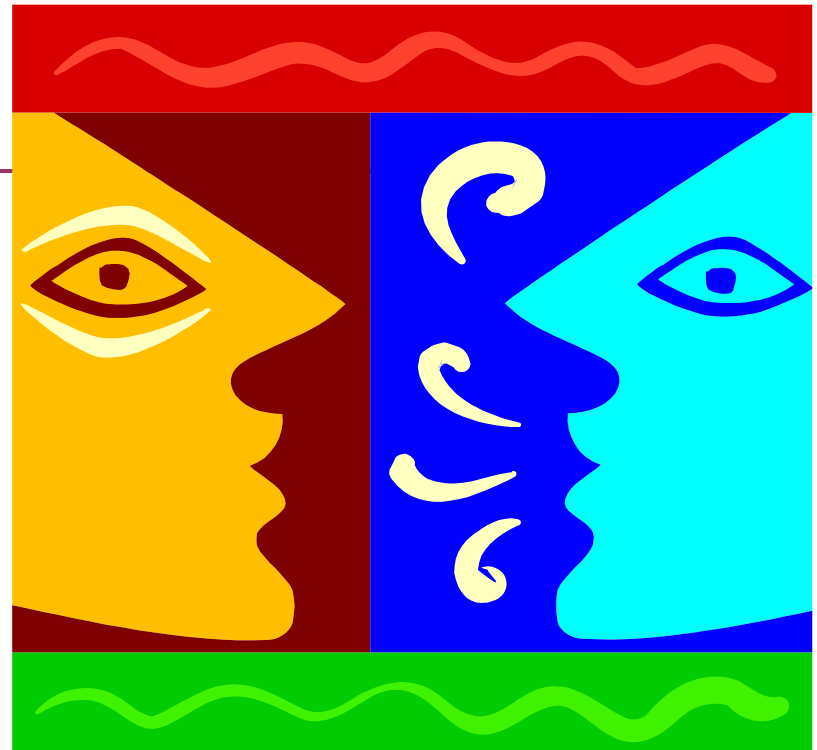
- Talking (fighting and yawning) shops
- NDCs (wrong type of independence?)
- Creative interaction (Planning for Real)
- Parish Councils
- Disaggregated LAAs
- Focused interventions
- HMR and Specific projects



# What's it for?

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- Redress grievances
- Local accountability
- Priority setting
- Feeling involved
- Its different here!
- Empowerment, engagement, relevance, worklessness, delivery



# Political Agenda

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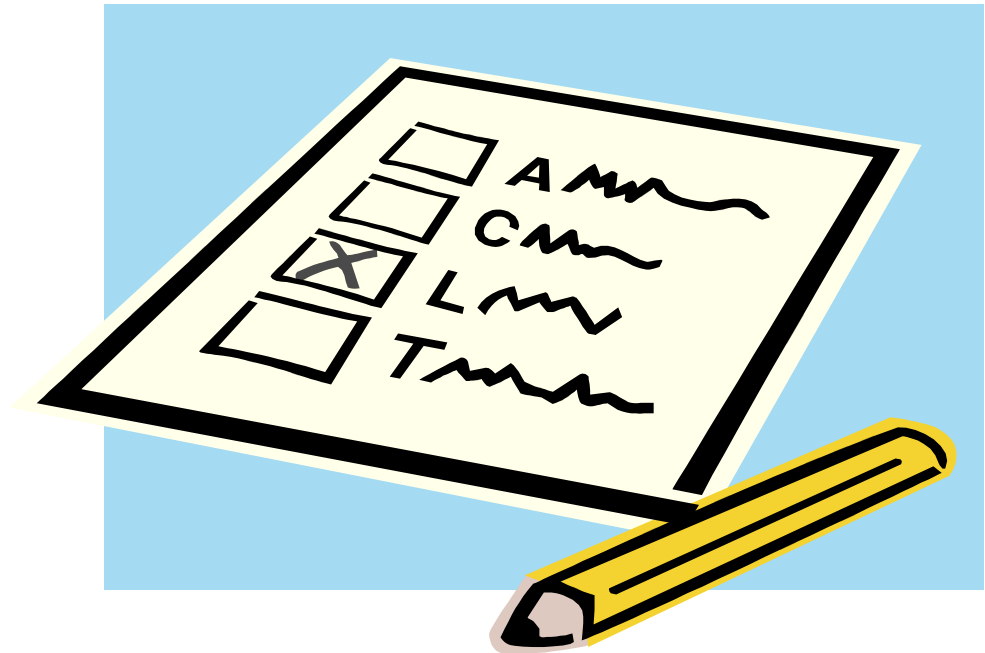
- Falling turnout
- Impact of disaffection
- Disinterest



# Managerial Agenda

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- In touch with “customers”
- Differentiated services
- Reduce waste



# Community Agenda

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- Meeting our needs
- Holding agencies to account
- Ideas not coming from “the suits”
- Single issues?
- The *whole* community?



# Policy Instruments

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- Smarter Government
- Total Place
- Total Family
- LAA / MAA
- CAA
- Stronger Prosperous Communities



# Putting the frontline first

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- Strengthen the Role of Citizens and Civic Society
- Recast the relationship between the centre and the frontline
- Streamline central Government for sharper delivery

# Strengthen the role of citizens and civic society

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- Guarantees to high quality services
- Accelerate digitalised public services
- Radically open up data and public information
- Greater personal responsibility and less fraud
- Map “civic health” and transfer assets to third sector

# Recast the relationship between the centre and the frontline

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- Streamline national performance indicators
- Reduce number of revenue streams and reduce ring-fencing
- Reduce the inspection burden
- Harness the power of comparative data

# Streamline Central Government for Sharper Delivery

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- Re – shape the senior civil service (£100 m)
- Rationalise and reform arms length bodies
- Improve back office and procurement processes
- Manage assets more effectively – relocation – reduce spend on consultancy and marketing

# Issues

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- **What does true empowerment feel like?**
- **Can we afford it?**
- **Where do we start?**