

# Rural Partnership 10/3/11

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# No area of public policy left unchanged....

- Economic Development
  - *Local Economic Growth*
  - *National Infrastructure plan*
  - *LEPs*
- Education – The Schools White Paper
- Health
- Adult Social Care
- Policing
- Housing
- Localism Bill – topic of today
- Benefits
- Talk of another wave of change in 2012

# Coalition Policies

- ***The deficit reduction programme takes precedence over any of the other measures in this agreement, and the speed of implementation of any measures that have a cost to the public finances will depend on decisions to be made in the Comprehensive Spending Review.***

# Big Society

## Building the Big Society

Ambition: to put more power and opportunity into people's hands

“...isn't just the responsibility of just one or two departments. It is the responsibility of every department of Government, and the responsibility of every citizen too.”

1. Give Communities more power
2. Encourage people to take an active role in their communities
3. Transfer power from central to local government
4. Support co-ops, mutuals, charities & social enterprise
5. Publish government data

# Localism Bill - 1

- Running Local Services
- Buying Local assets
- Council Tax VETO
- Local Referendums
- Power of Competence
- Directly Elected Mayors
- Councillors' Campaigning
- Standards board
- Council Pay transparency

# Localism Bill - 2

- Removal of Regional Housing Targets
- Community Infrastructure levy
- Local Development
- Planning permission
- Social Housing – new Homes Bonus

# Strategic Planning

Out with the old....



In with the new

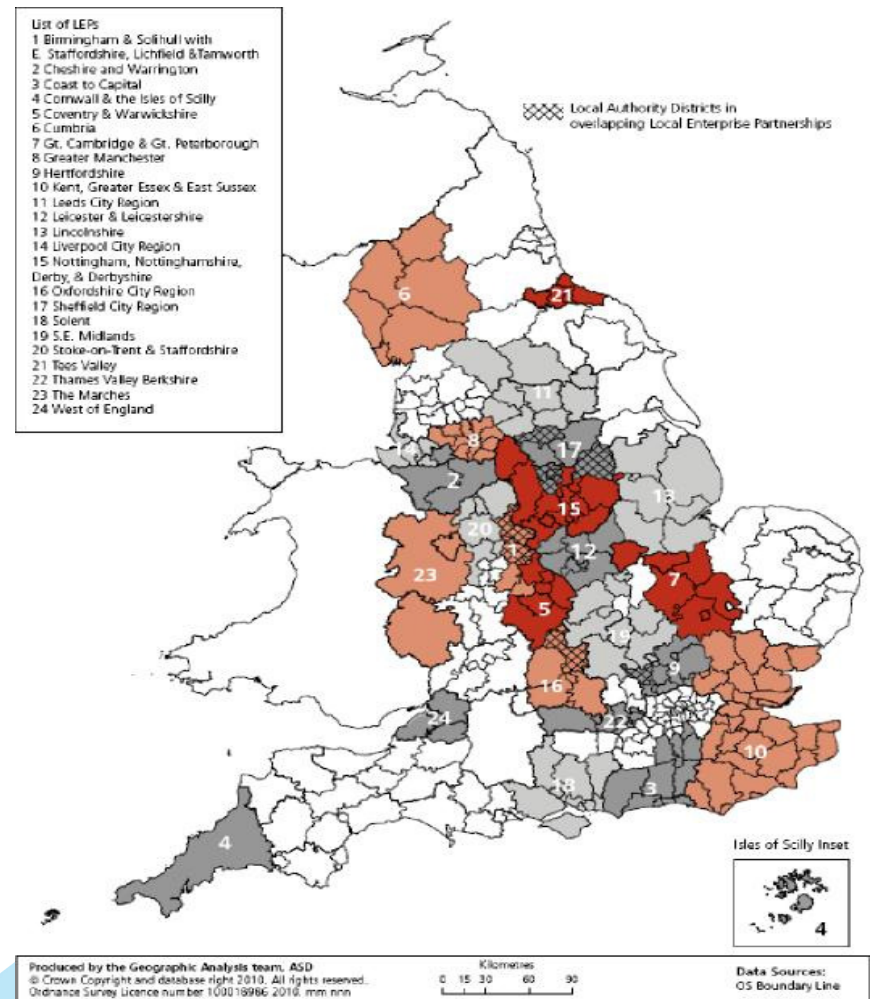


# Role of LEPs

## Local Enterprise Partnerships

Local enterprise partnerships will provide the clear vision and strategic leadership to drive sustainable private sector-led growth and job creation in their area. We particularly encourage partnerships working in respect to transport, housing and planning as part of an integrated approach to growth and infrastructure delivery.”

Local Growth White Paper (Oct 2010)



# Changing the world?

In the new world we still need to:-

- *Create an environment that supports investor confidence ;*
- *Set clear priorities for public expenditure and capital investment;*
- *Provide a context for a co-ordinated approach for planning strategic infrastructure and development that impact a broader area than a local community ;*
- *Manage community expectation;*

IT'S UP

TO YOU

DO SOMETHING!

# The un-answered questions

- Are people up for it?
- Will it be a true transfer of power?
  - *Who controls the money?*
  - *Who makes the final decision?*
- What does this mean for elected politicians?
- Its about culture change.....
  - *Most stuff we could have done if we had wanted!*