

Collaborative Working and Devolution in District Councils

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Transformation – emerging themes

Cost savings and value for money

Strong and accountable local leadership

Local engagement and decision making

Driving economic growth and prosperity across one economic geography

Tackling children's' and adult social care challenges

Deliver better services that improve outcomes

Long term sustainability and efficiency of new models at the right scale

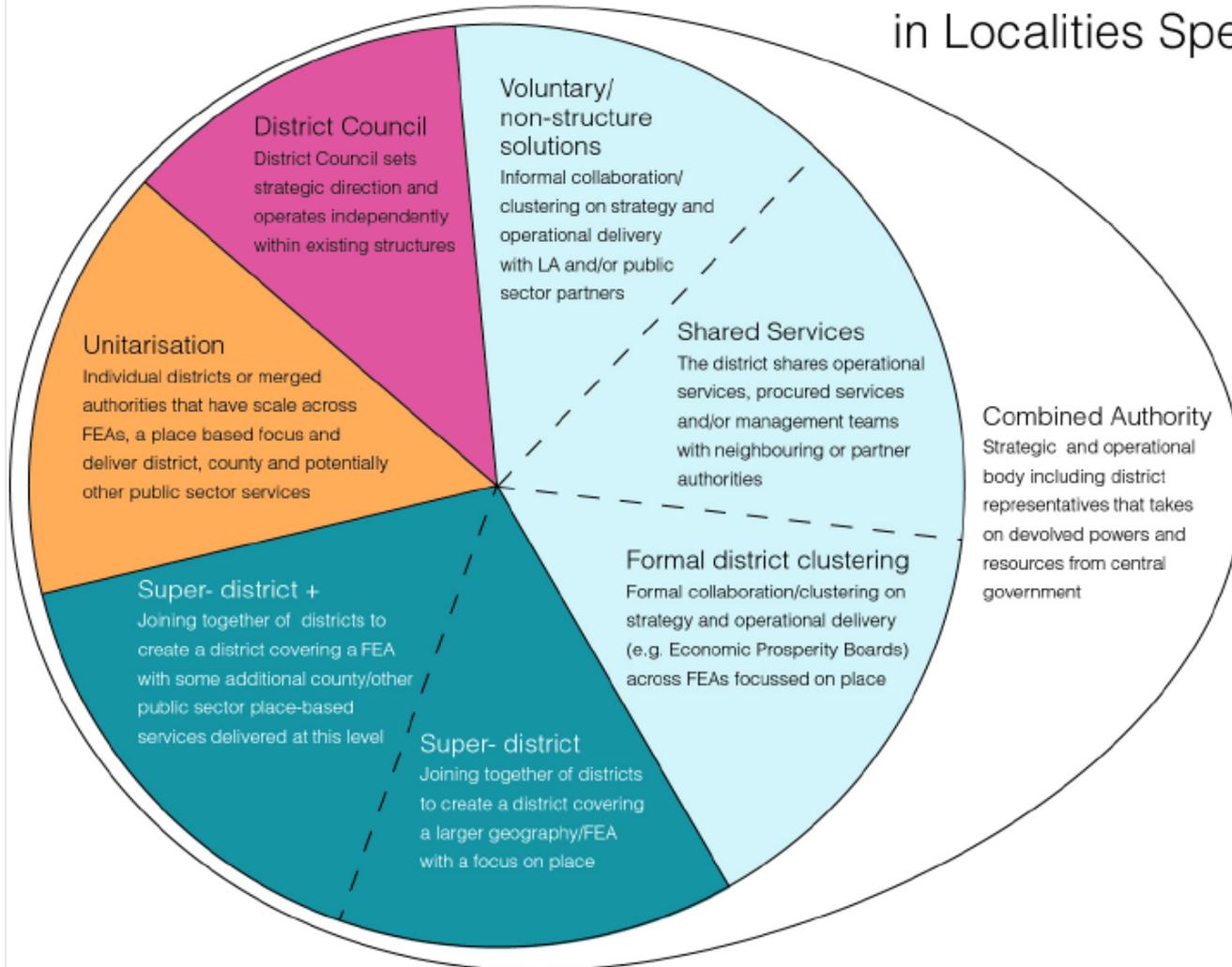
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DCN Future of Local Government in Localities Spectrum



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What have our Members told us they want from the DCN?

More sharing of best practice/learning from those negotiating devolution deals or transforming the way they deliver services

Research reports on potential future models for local government/public sector in localities

DCN acting as a hub for knowledge and/or strategic advice on devolution and local government transformation



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Our transformation principles

The redesign of public services is best determined by localities themselves

Local government transformation proposals should be bottom up and locally driven

Functional Economic Areas reflect how people live their lives and businesses operate and provide a potential proxy by which to transform local government delivery in localities

Geographical scale should ensure that strategies are developed and services delivered at an area scale that makes sense to local residents and businesses

Supported by local people and business

Proposals should be fit for the future and not constrained by historic local government or other boundaries

Demonstrate benefits of devolved powers including EU (Brexit)



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Our transformation principles continued...

Public sector working in localities should cover the most appropriate population scale.

New working in localities should support community identity

Building on existing collaboration

Collaboration across the public sector as a whole within localities should be promoted

Proposals for transformed working in localities must demonstrate clearly how reorganisation will improve outcomes for residents and drive regional growth

Transformed approaches to working in localities should ensure equality of democratic representation



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Over to you...

What are the biggest issues/challenges you are facing?

Are the DCN transformation principles right?



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What next?



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