PB and the current policy agenda

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What Is PB?

"PB directly involves local people in making decisions on the priorities and spending for a defined public budget. This means engaging residents and community groups representative of all parts of the community to discuss and vote on them, as well as giving local people a role in the scrutiny and monitoring of the process."

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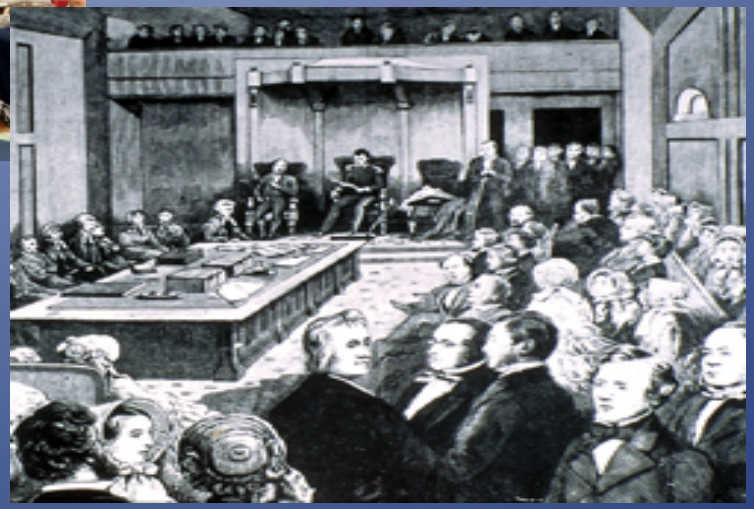
What Does It Do?

Creates a space .....



Strengthens local democracy
(incl. role of elected members)

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Creates a sense of ownership

Builds social cohesion

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Builds community capacity

Engages different people

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Efficiency and quality…..

….through partnership

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Politics in Trouble

- Empowerment: “this is about the saving of politics”

- How do we make “democratic decision making legitimate and effective?”

- A new governance: “there is now a growing degree of consensus that representative democracy needs engagement with participative democracy and vice versa”

- based on presentation by Gerry Stoker, Professor of Governance, University of Southampton

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Public Spending

Partnership Working

"More for Less"

LA Freedoms & Accountability

Total Place

Localism

Sustainable Development

Social Capital

Participative Democracy

Extremism

Empowering Local People

Collaborative v Personal Choice

Community Cohesion

Loss of Trust in Representative Democracy

Role of Councillors

Efficiency & Growth

Spending Priorities

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Localism

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Participatory Budgeting

Hard Choices on Spending