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Localism - Time for a change

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- **What we're doing**
- **Why we're doing it**
- **How we're doing it**

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What we're doing

- **Shifting the balance of power**
- **Making localism part of everyday life**
- **Transparency - who's spending their money? On what?**

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What we're doing

- Creating the opportunity for innovation to deliver more for less
- Encouraging social enterprise
- Empowering neighbourhoods as the building blocks of decentralisation

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Why we're doing it

- People will have control over the decisions that affect them
- People know best what its needed where they live
- Encourage local government, neighbourhoods and individuals to innovate

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Why we're doing it

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Why we're doing it

"To reach a goal you have never before attained, you must do things you have never before done."

Richard G. Scott

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How we're doing it

- **Radically remodelling and refocusing government**
- **Re-forming our department in line with localism principles**

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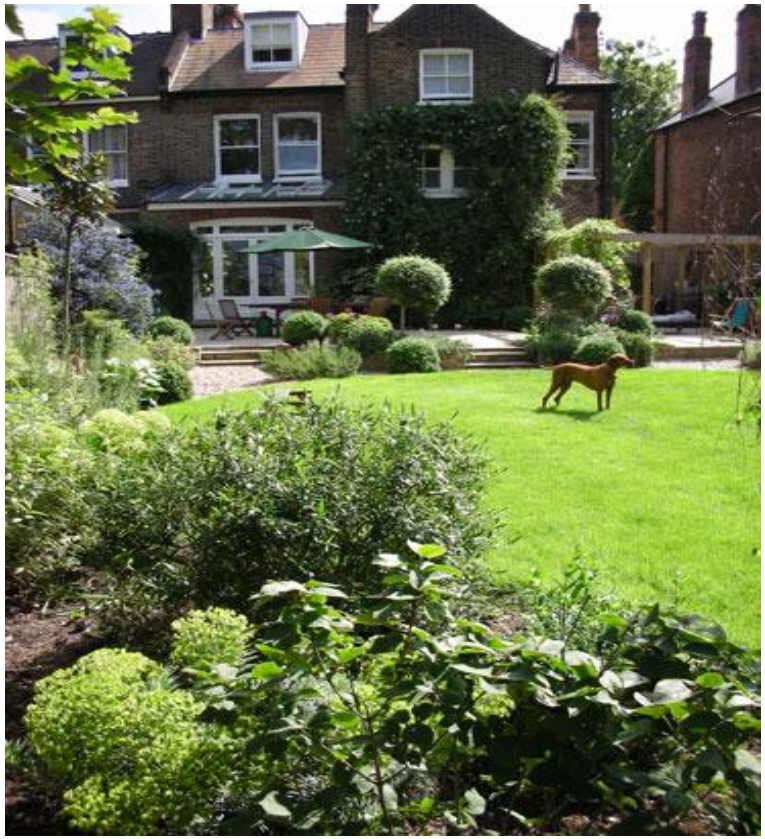
How we're doing it



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How we're doing it

- **Moving quickly towards a "localism bill"**

- **Nudging people in the right direction**

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How we're doing it

Incentives and rewards

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How we're doing it

- **Respect views of everyone; frontline workers- individuals-communities - local government -everyone across the system**

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How we're doing it

The problem…

The solution?

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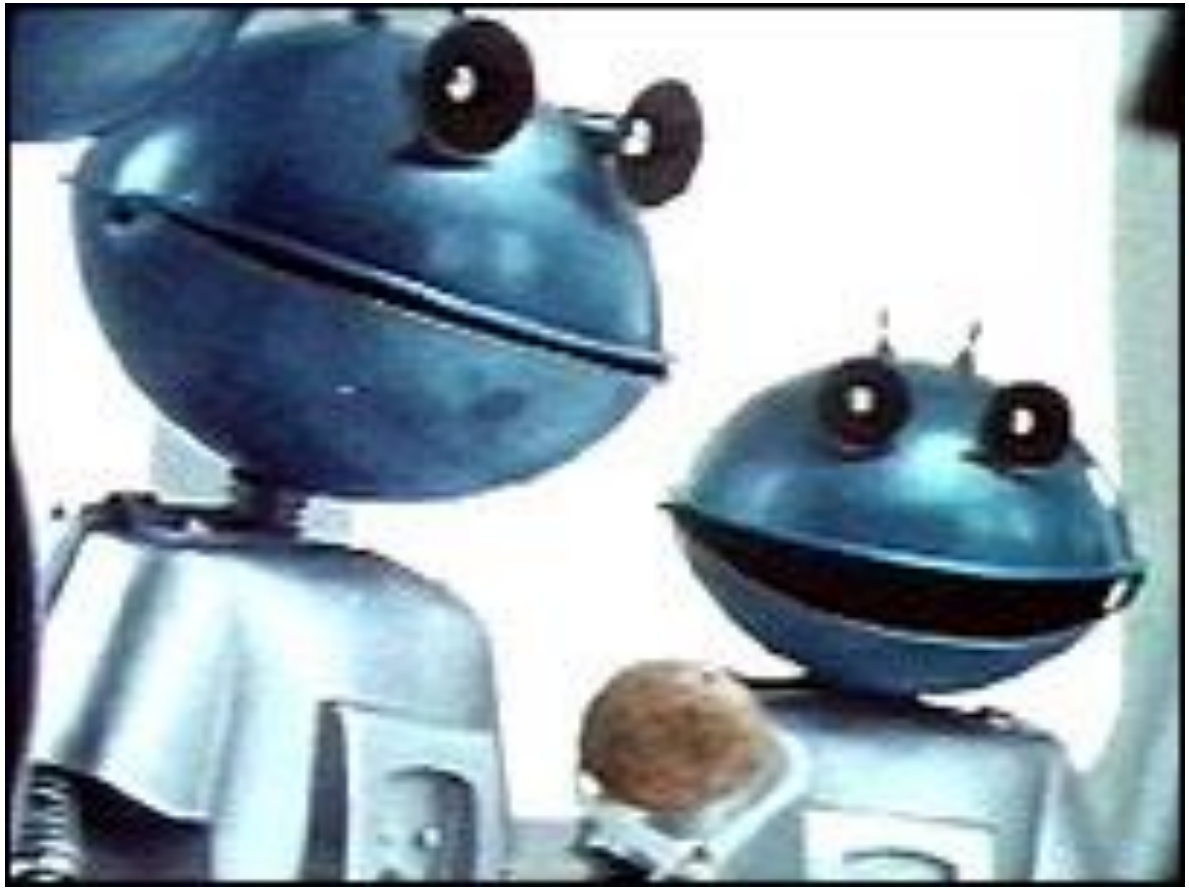
How we're doing it



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How we're doing it

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"None of us is as clever as all of us"

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