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Community Budgets –

Increasing accountability and rebuilding trust

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Introduction

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- Greater Manchester context
- Community Budgets overview
- Principles
- Investment framework
- Investment process
- Next Steps

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- Collaborative history: GMC, AGMA, statutory city region, Total Place, LEP, CA
- Evidence based strategy: MIER leading to Greater Manchester Strategy
- Economic growth, reducing dependency, recycling investment
- Ideal structures, experience and mindset to make Community Budgets work

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- Potential for growth: 76,600 private sector jobs over 5 years – 40% NW GVA
- 16% of working age population claim out-of-work benefits
- Mismatch of demand and supply
- Evidence based approach to investment
- RGF and Community Budgets (and others)

Principles

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- Outcome focussed
- Evidence based
- Investing not spending
- Integration
- Sharing costs and benefits
- Re-investing
- Increased accountability

Theory to Practice

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- 2/3 working examples from April 2011:
  - GM wide offender management project
  - 1-2 complex families projects
- Systematic investment based on evidence and integration
- New delivery models – cohort, intervention, integration
- New investment models - recycling

Investment Framework

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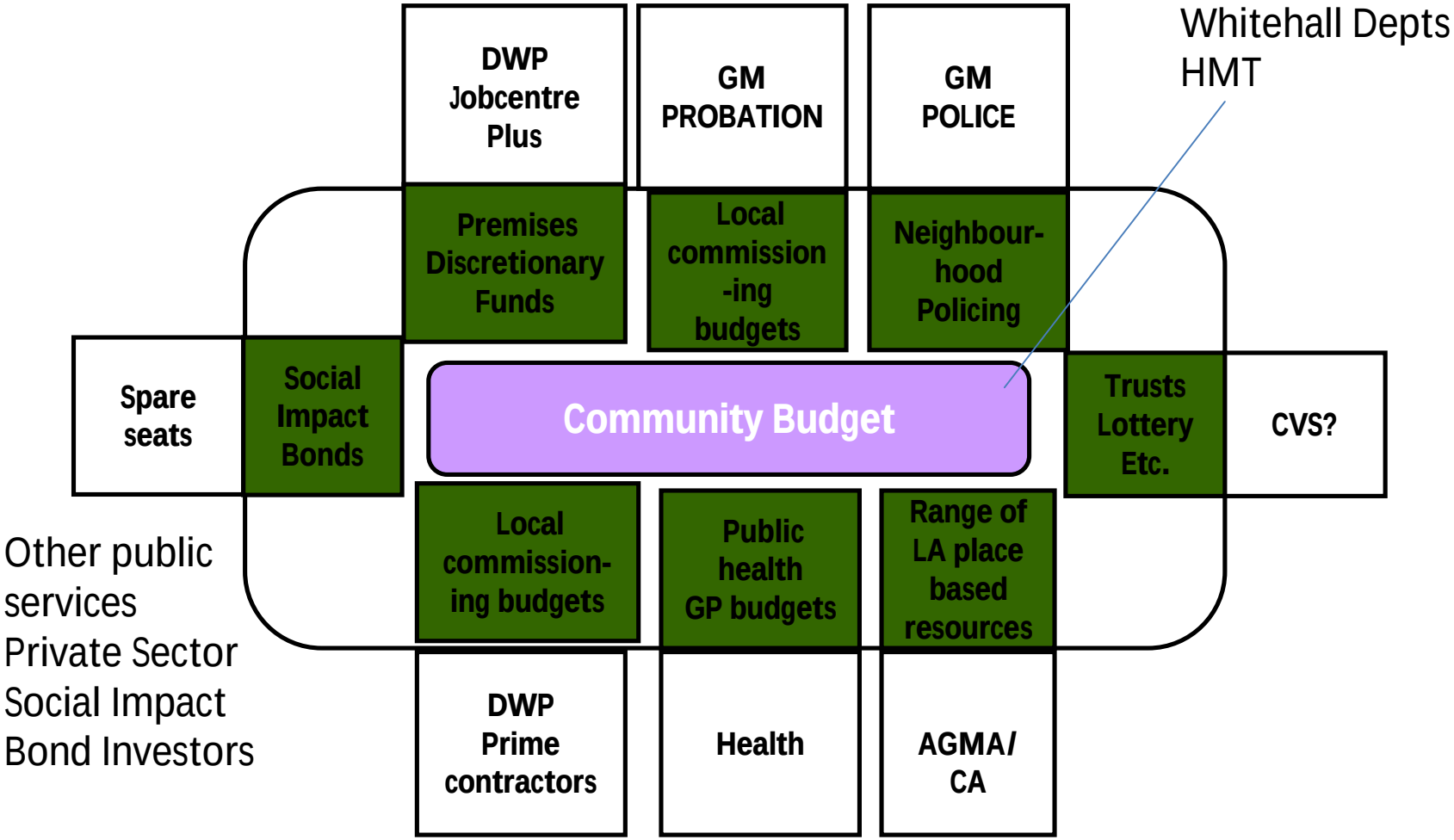

Investment Process

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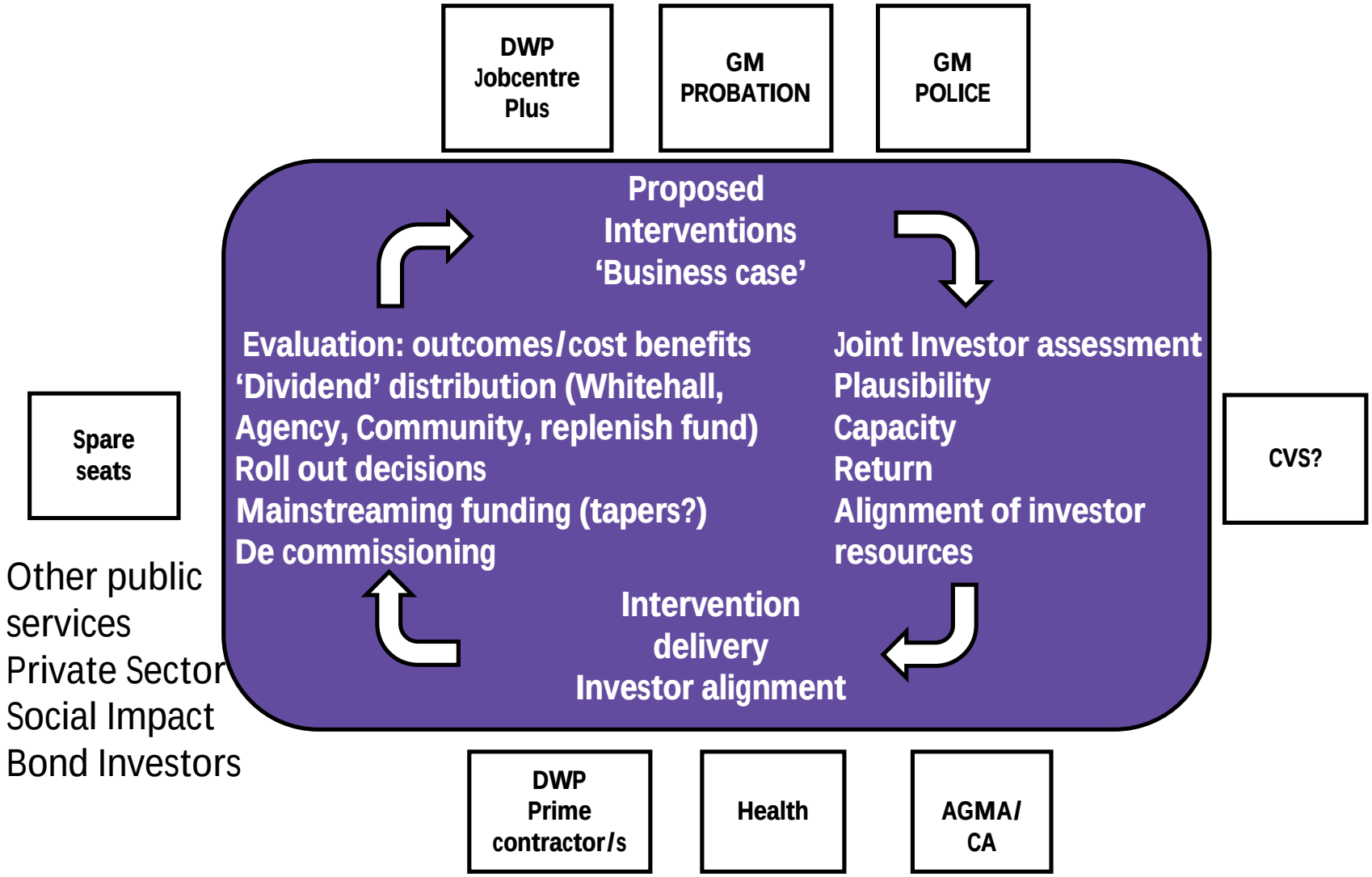

Next Steps

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- Discussion with partners
- Investment Partnerships
- Investment agreements: independent assessment of financial benefits and agreement on sharing
- Investment Board at GM level
- Investment Boards at LA level
- Working with central government