Local Government Association

Taking the Lead: sector self regulation and improvement

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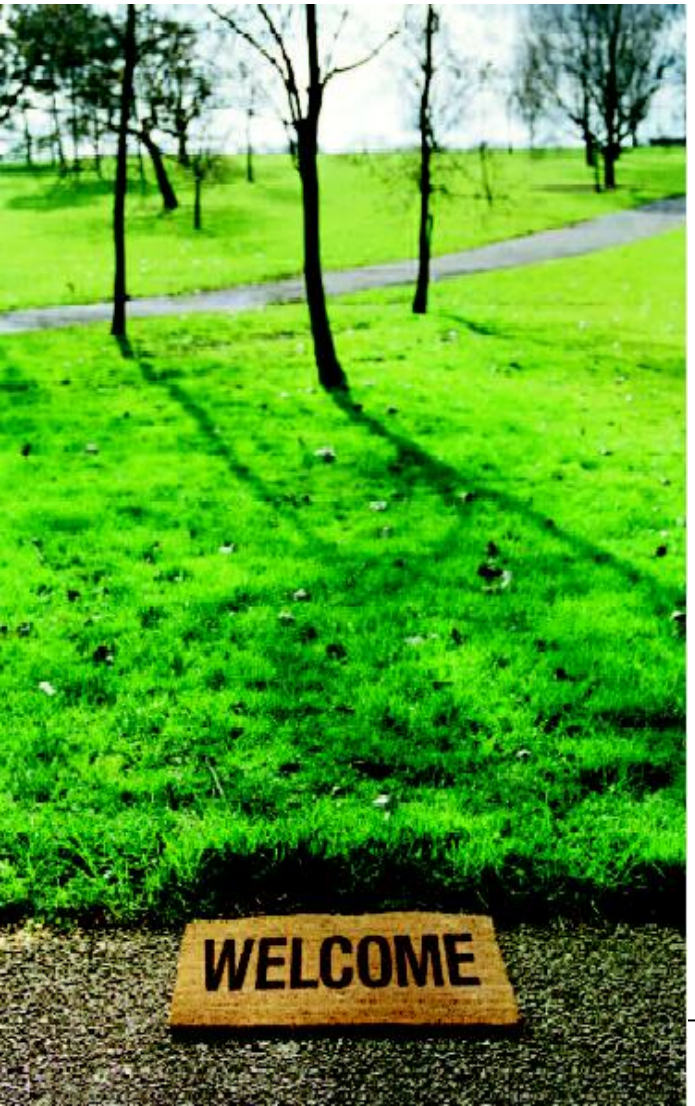
Taking the Lead – an overview



- **Background and context**
- **Self regulation and improvement – key elements**
- **Next steps**

Freedom to Lead Campaign

- Campaign to reduce inspection and assessment
- Develop robust approach to self regulation
- Key part of the Group’s offer to new Government

Campaign Success:

Abolition of:

- **Place Survey and NIS**
- **Local Area Agreements**
- **Comprehensive Area Assessment**
- **Adults and children's scored assessments**
- **Audit Commission**
- **Government Offices**

Robust approach to self regulation – the core principles

- Councils responsible for own performance
- Stronger accountability - greater transparency
- Collective responsibility for performance
- LG Group’s role is to support councils

Taking the lead – 7 point ‘offer’

- accountability tools
- peer challenge
- peer support
- knowledge hub
- transparent and comparable data
- leadership support
- learning and support

Managing risk of underperformance

- Councils agree we need to manage risk
- Detecting early signs of potential failure
- Drawing together existing intelligence
- No burden on councils
- Not a quasi inspectorate
- Focused on prevention

Next steps:

- Developing tools with councils
- Working with the sector at a sub national level
- Further lobbying
  - Reduce data and reporting burdens
  - Streamline audit
- Mainstream the approach