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Local Growth & Regeneration

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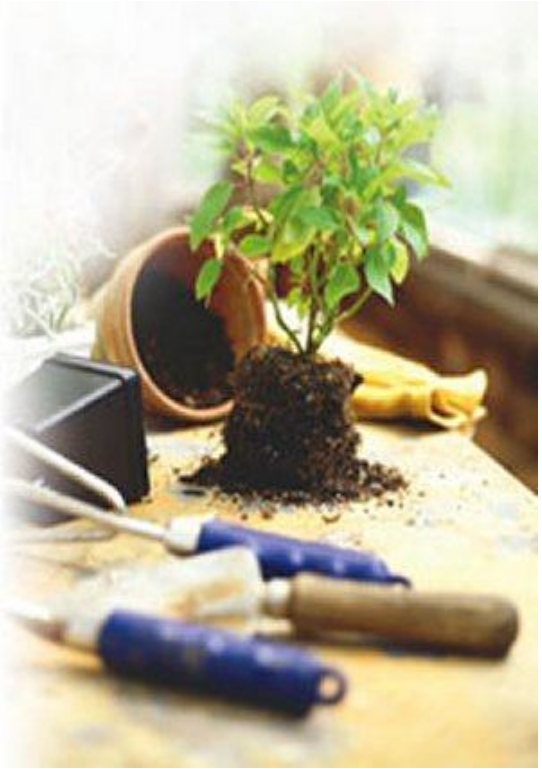

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Context

- Top priority - restore the health of the national economy
- Decisive action to tackle the national deficit
- Creating conditions that help business and support growth
- Previous models of regeneration unaffordable and failed to respond to local needs

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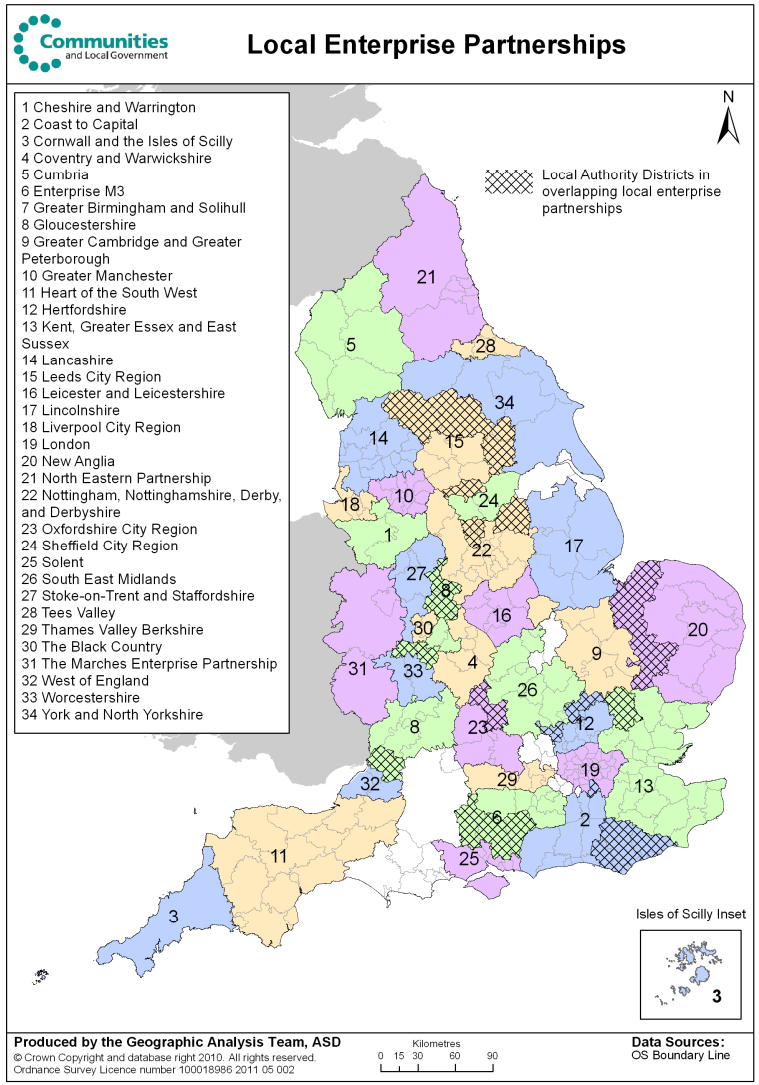
A new role for Government

- **Reforming and decentralising** public services
- **Removing barriers** that hinder local ambitions
- **Providing powerful incentives** to enable local residents and partners to drive growth and improve their areas
- **Providing targeted investment and reform**
- **Putting residents, councils, local businesses and civil society in the driving seat**

Local Enterprise Partnerships



LEPs are locally owned, genuine business-civic partnerships

They will see business and civic leaders work together

Driving sustainable economic growth and creating the conditions for private sector job growth

The 34 LEPs represent approximately:

94% of all businesses

94% of all employees

94% of the population of England

Enterprise Zones

- **21 LEPs to get Enterprise Zones**
- **First 11 announced including first 4 sites**

  Nottingham (Boots Campus) Manchester (Airport)

  London (Royal Docks) Liverpool (Mersey Waters)

- **Remaining 10 EZs to be allocated through competition**
- **Range of measures to help develop EZs**
  - 100% business rate discounts
  - Local development orders
  - Super-fast broadband

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Regional Growth Fund

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- **£1.4bn Fund launched with Local Growth White Paper in October**

- **Stimulate enterprise by providing support for projects and programmes with significant potential for economic growth and additional sustainable private sector employment; and**

- **Support in particular those areas and communities that are currently dependent on the public sector make the transition to sustainable private sector-led growth and prosperity.**

- **Round 1 allocations of over £450m announced on 12 April – expected to secure more than £2.5bn of private sector funding**

- **Second round launched 12 April. Main funding round aiming to commit all remaining funding – around £1 billion. Open to new bidders and those unsuccessful in Round 1**

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Planning

- **Growth Review challenges Government Departments to do all they can to help the country grow and recover from recession.**
- **Review highlighted range of planning measures:**

  Businesses involvement in neighbourhood plans and LDOs

  Pilot elements of the land auction model on public sector land

  Removal of the national target on brownfield land

  Consulting on change of use from commerical to residential

  General review of the Use Classes Order

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Localism Bill

- General Power of Competence / Directly elected Mayors
- Community Rights
- Discretionary business rate discounts
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Community Right to Build
- New Settlement for London

Local Government Resource Review

- **Considering options for local retention of business rates.**
- **Enabling councils to become self-financing**
- **Examine potential distributional implications and consider how all authorities are incentivised to promote growth**
- **Tax Increment Financing (TIF)**
- **Will deliver proposals by July – will require primary legislation**

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Cross Government Investment

Alongside support for local action, many Government investments support local regeneration and growth

- **Investment in transport - £750m for High Speed 2**
- **Around £7.5bn for Crossrail**
- **£4.5bn for new affordable homes**
- **Over £2bn Decent Homes Programme**
- **£500m to transform Olympic Park post Games**
- **Early Intervention Grant and the new £7.2bn fairness premium to support improved educational and social outcomes.**

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The Toolkit

Menu of flexibilities, powers, incentives, tools and support to help local authorities, communities and civil society organisations drive growth and improve physical and social quality of their area.

Policy	What is it	How could it help regeneration	Depart
Community Right to Buy	Right to nominate a community asset and, if it comes up for disposal on the open market, trigger a window of opportunity to prepare a bid to buy the assets	Ability for communities to save local facilities that are threatened with closure – local shops, pub or library – in order to promote community benefit	DCLG
Community Organisers	Training for 5,000 Community Organisers	Community Organisers will build and mobilise local networks and leadership to drive the change that the community needs	Office for Civil Society
Transition Fund	£100 million Transition Fund enabling charities, voluntary sector & social enterprises to adapt to, and manage, the transition to a different funding environment	The fund will help organisations continue to deliver and take advantage of future opportunities offered by the Big Society	Office for Civil Society
High Speed 2	Proposal for a Y-shaped high speed rail network, comprising lines from London to Birmingham and then to Leeds and Manchester	Would support increased productivity by improving connectivity between London's powerhouse economy and the major cities of the Midlands and the North	DFT

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To conclude…….

- LEPs to provide strategic leadership in the drive for local growth
- LEPs can bring all the elements of the toolkit together to support an integrated approach to growth and regeneration
- Need to think through how funding streams, assets, tools and incentives can be used collectively across the LEP area so that they have maximum impact
- LEPs should be at the heart of these decisions