



# My Ideal LAA

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# Local Area Agreements are...

“...a negotiation of equals, owned jointly by central and local government, and that should be their strength.”

David Miliband, 20 May 2005



# Local Area Agreements are...

- “... a new contract between central and local government to deliver the priorities of local people”

*(Opening sentence of foreword to ODPM guidance)*

AND

- an agreement between West Sussex partners on delivering these priorities

# Dual Role

“Local government is a key player for the delivery of central government priorities. It is also best placed to lead the definition of local needs. Local Area Agreements try to recognise this dual role....”

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# Focus on Outcomes: Better Quality of life



- Looked after children
- Young people
- Disadvantaged adults
- DV victims
- Less fear of crime and ASB
- Better health
- Fewer casualties
- Greater independence
- More affordable housing
- Stronger economy
- But environmental sustainability

# Innovation



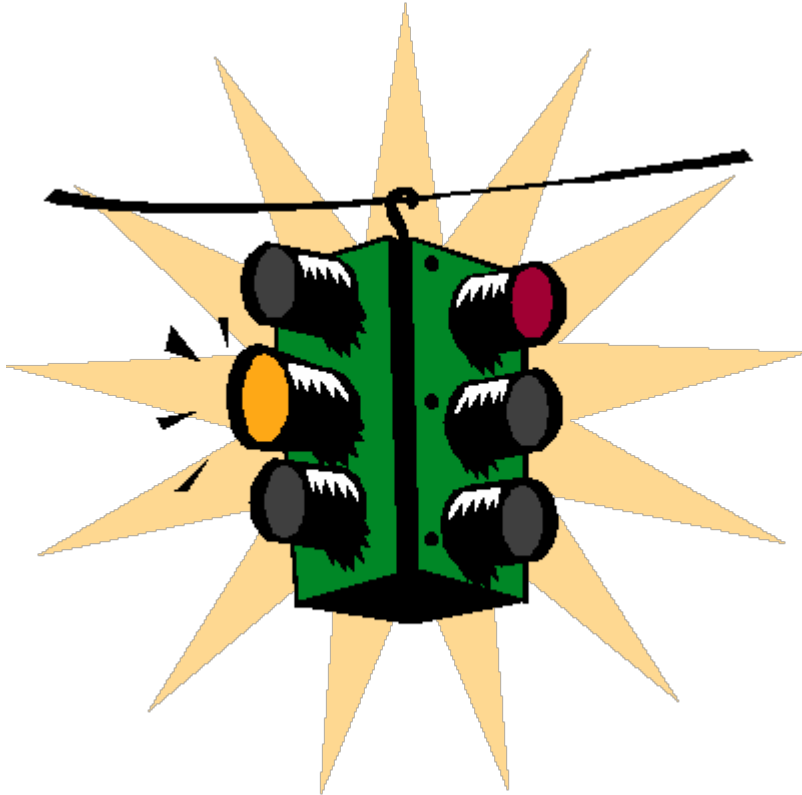
- **Remove constraints**
- Enabling measures
- Time frame
- Boundaries

# Money, money, money



- Single Pot
- Reward Grant
- Capital/Revenue

# Indicators and targets



- Some mandatory indicators OK
- But not too many
- Think them through
- But not mandatory targets

# Refresh



- Annual review and refresh
- Outcome Focussed
- Risk based
- Sense of place



# Local Area Agreements are...

NOT the ultimate solution to  
every problem