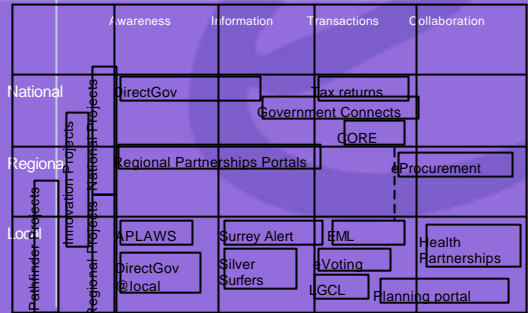


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A Connected Picture

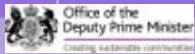


Regional Centres of Excellence

- 1. acting as the first point of contact for local authorities in relation to the efficiency agenda;
- 2. coordinating and analysing data relating to local authority performance across crosscutting workstreams to enable decision makers in authorities to understand the options for improved performance;
- 3. providing support, including identifying and bringing to bear available resources, to local authority-led projects designed to achieve efficiencies;
- 4. developing opportunities for shared working across local authorities and the wider public sector, involving, where appropriate, the private and the voluntary and community sectors; and
- 5. coordinating the support for local authorities to ensure that the efforts of individual organisations support the needs of the region.

Leads for specific areas:

- North East - *Education and Supporting People/Voluntary & Community Sector*
- North West - *Local Public Transport*
- Yorkshire & Humber - *Corporate & Transactional Services*
- East Midlands - *Construction Procurement including highways*
- West Midlands - *Children's Services*
- East of England - *Procurement of Commodity Goods & Services, Culture & Sport and Environmental Services*
- South East - *Adult Services*
- South West - *Fire*
- London - *Productive Time and Social Housing*



e-Government Outcomes

Aim: Local authority e-Government activities help support wider policy objectives

Central – Local Partnership priorities

- Improving the quality of life for children, young people, families at risk and older people
- Promoting healthier communities
- Creating safer and stronger communities
- Transforming our local environment
- Meeting local transport needs more efficiently
- Promoting the economic vitality of localities
- Raising standards across our schools

Priority Outcomes

- Schools
- Community information
- Democratic renewal
- Local Environment
- e-Procurement
- Payments
- Libraries, Sports & Leisure
- Transport
- Benefits
- Support for vulnerable people
- Supporting new ways of working
- Accessibility of services
- High take up of web-based transactional services
- Making it easy for citizens to do business with the council

National Projects

- Local Authority Websites
- Local e-Democracy
- Local e-Government Standards Body
- Planning and Regulatory Services Online
- Project NOMAD (Mobile Technology)
- Reducing Youth Offending Generic National Solution
- Smartcards
- Valuable
- Workflow
- Working with Business
- Customer Relationship Management
- Digital TV
- eAdmissions
- e-Benefits
- e-Citizen
- e-fire
- e-Pay
- e-Procurement
- e-Trading Standards National
- ENCORE
- FAME
- Knowledge Management

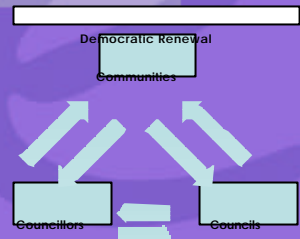
The benefits of the National Project

The National Project on Local e-Democracy is about Democratic Renewal.

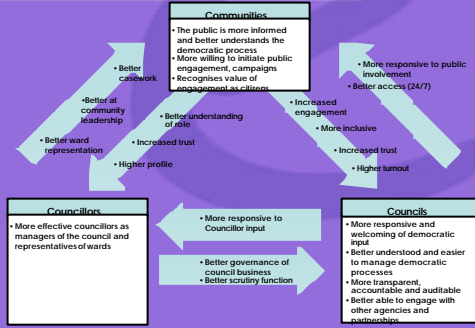
This means improving the breadth, depth and quality of interactions between officers, councillors and members of the community.

This will lead to:

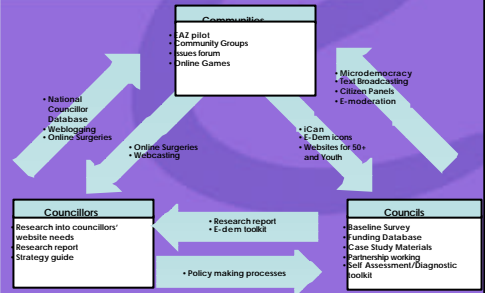
- better decision-making
- increased participation
- stronger bonds between the citizen, their council and their representatives.



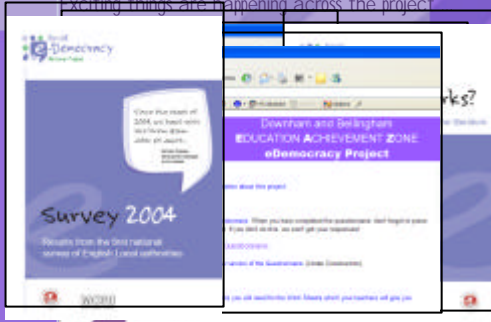
Single view of the benefits



How our projects support democratic renewal



Exciting things are happening across the project



... pilots are completed and products are available

Watch this space ...

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