

# The Local Government Challenge

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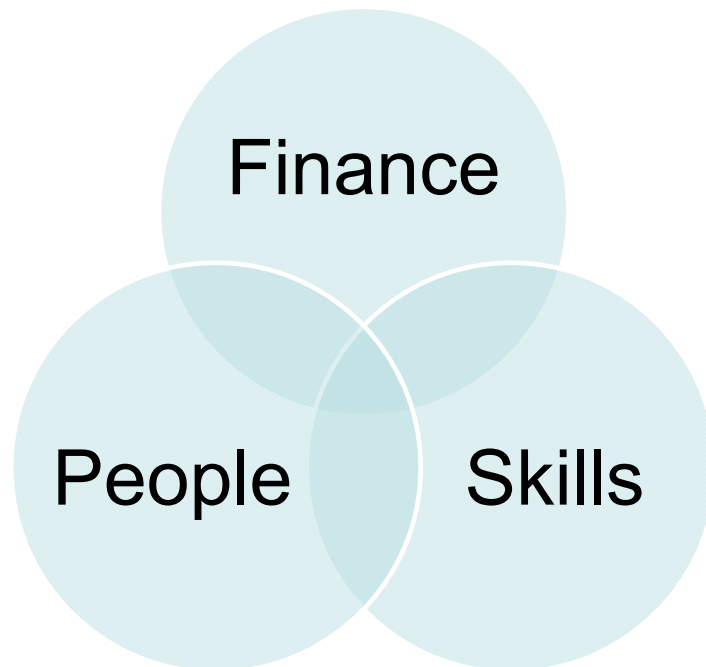
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## Key pressures: the English perspective

- Growing elderly population
- Growth in child safeguarding
- Growth in adult safeguarding
- Economic regeneration & local skills base
- Transport & connectivity
- Delivering change at the pace needed
- Keeping the faith of our communities

# Declining resources



- Early intervention
  - Pooling resources
  - Local decision making
  - Influencing the use of resources in our partners
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# Local Government innovation

- **Northumberland CC** - joint working with EA to address flood defences
  - **Orbis Public Law**- shared services and commerciality
  - **Portsmouth**- redesign of works with families, identifying and engaging with them through early intervention
  - **Wealden DC**- using behavioural insight evidence to reduce demand, raise performance and improve services levels
  - **Kirklees** - working with our citizens and others to take a health check on our local democracy
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## English devolution

- **The need to maintain momentum**
    - from negotiation to implementation
  - **Enabling public service reform**
    - a real catalyst for change?
  - **The capacity and trust to deliver**
    - is the clock ticking too fast?
  - **Further fiscal devolution**
    - how far will Central Government go?
  - **Local and regional**
    - how do we secure real community buy in?
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## More than Social Care & money

- **All models show the future ability of Councils to do more than deliver social care and collect local taxes will diminish and for some disappear altogether**
    - Is there a future for broader roles?
  - **Developing a new local social agenda**
    - the local environment
    - community cohesion
    - shaping behavioural change
    - preventive health
  - **One Council, One District, One Community.....?**
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# Your Council 2025

- **Sustainable financial footing**

A new approach to resources: more commercially astute, more dynamic partnerships & responsive to issues

- **Devolution and local decision making**

Clarity over who makes decisions and roles

- **Delivering regional growth and strong local economies**

Economic strength anchor for other activity

- **A new relationship with our communities**

A partner, a community Leader, but no longer mother!

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