

# What is the outlook for local government street cleansing services?

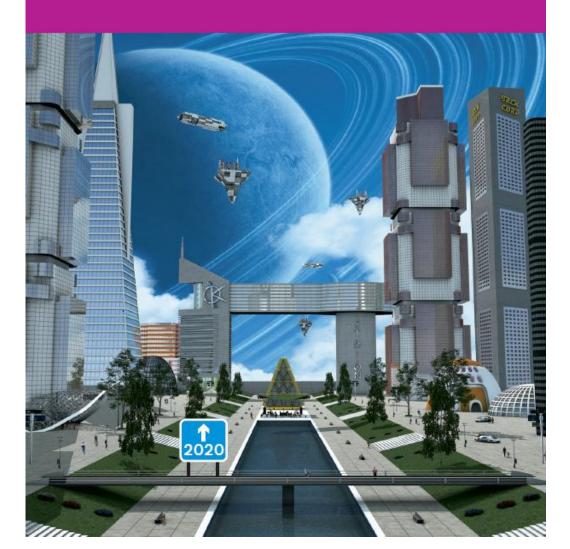
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#### The road to 2020

A manifesto for the Ensuring Council





## What will local government look like in 2020?



Self Confident



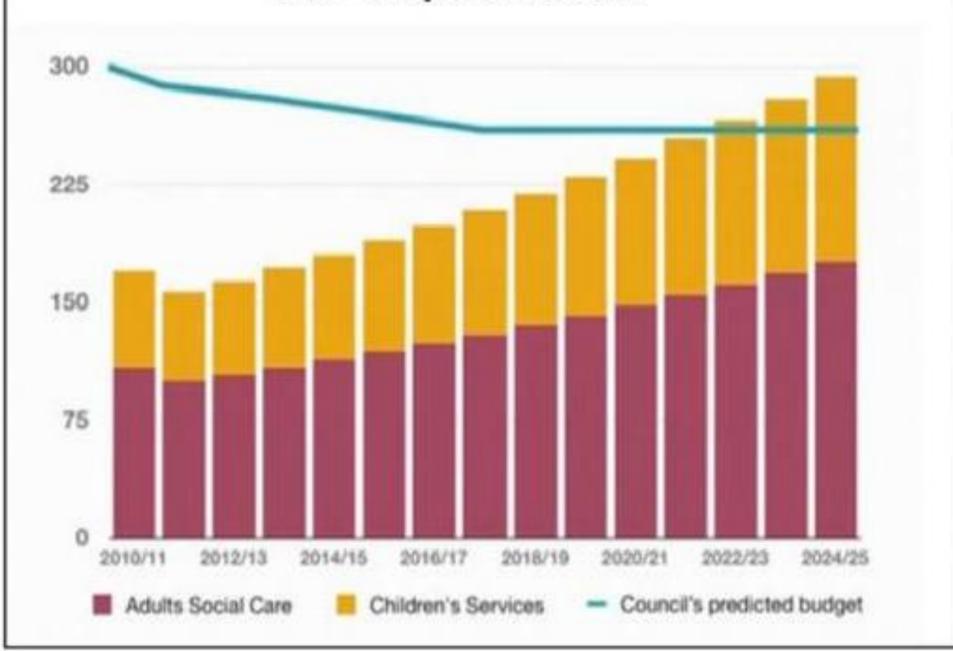
Self Sufficient Self Reliant

#### **Defining an Ensuring Council**



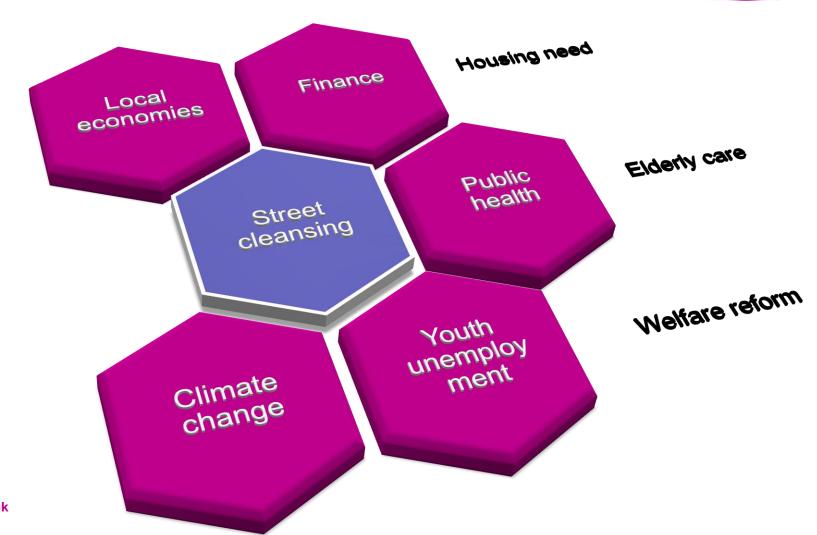
- Exercising stewardship
- Retaining core capacity
- Municipal entrepreneurship
- Collaboration not competition
- Primacy of politics
- Promoting social justice

#### The 'Graph of Doom'



## Public policy challenges





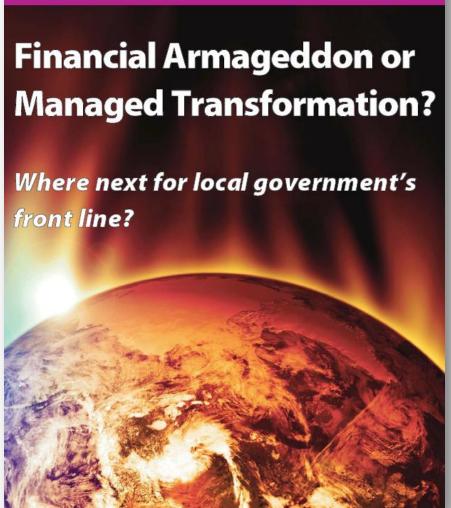
# The challenges for street cleansing



- The funding situation:
  - 77% think that funding will decrease by over 5% in the next 5 years
  - Over 20% think that it will decrease by more than 20%.
- Standards of cleanliness
  - 77% think that cleanliness standards have decreased or stayed the same during the past year
  - 83% expect standards of cleanliness to stay the same or decrease

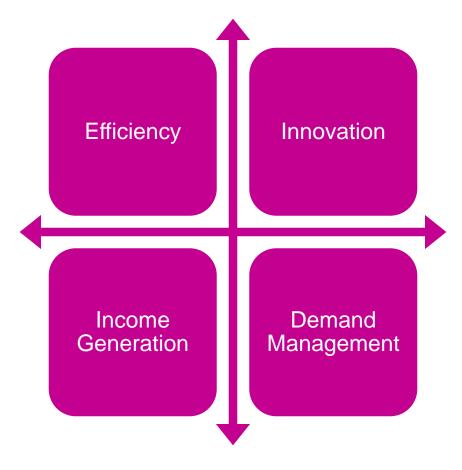












#### **Efficiency**



- Changing shift patterns/working days, overtime and staff reductions
- Review of mobile teams and a reduction in barrow staff
- Review of mechanical sweeping
- More reactive working
- Scheduling service based on need rather than frequency
- Reduction in frequency
- Review of cleansing routes/ route optimisation
- Review of plant, vehicles and equipment
- Alternative service delivery models and shared services/merging services e.g. with grounds maintenance
- Systems thinking and lean working
- Stopping certain services e.g. graffiti removal, cleanliness inspections

#### Where the costs are...



Cost	Proportion of total
Staff	62%
Transport	19%
Central establishment charges	7%
Premises	3%
External	3%
Departmental admin.	2%
Waste disposal	2%
Subcontracting	1%

#### Income generation



- Providing property clearance and cleaning services to the ALMO
- Private sector cleansing e.g. car parks, road sweeping, weed killing, removal of syringes and dead animals from commercial land, etc
- Cleanse on behalf of developers for unadopted highway
- Renting available space within our depots to local businesses
- Sponsorship and advertising panels in litter bins
- Events e.g. sporting events
- Care of garden charging
- Charging to other in-house sections e.g. parks and cemeteries
- Offering services to Parish Councils
- Provide services to other public services e.g. NHS, educational establishments, Fire services and Military



## Municipal entrepreneurship



## Local authority Innovative public services ahead NO **Bureaucracy** Inefficiency Stick-in-the-mud attitudes

### Municipal Entrepreneurship



- West Lindsey the entrepreneurial council
- Tayside Contracts shared services
- Wrexham renewable energy
- Shropshire shire services trading
- Hertsmere Elstree studios
- Hull Kingstown works limited
- Swansea service redesign

#### **Innovation**



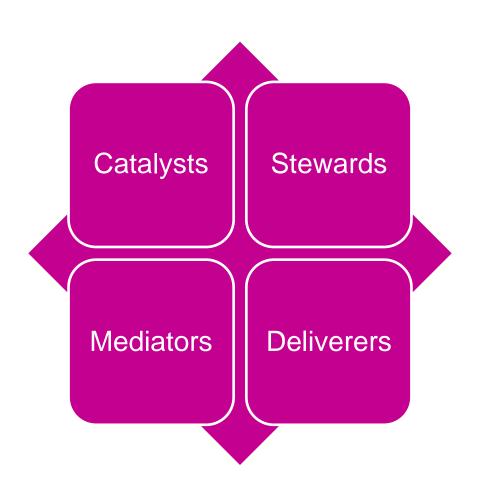
#### Innovation on the frontline:

How engagement with the local government workforce can improve service delivery in austere times



## Who are the public entrepreneurs and innovators?





#### **Demand management**



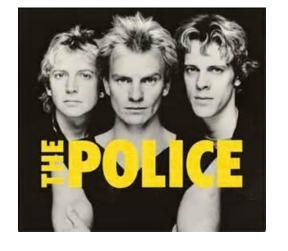
#### Education

- Litter campaigns (78%)
- Educational awareness in schools (74%)
- Dog fouling campaigns (67%)
- Smoking-related litter campaigns (41%)
- Chewing gum campaigns (26.5%)
- National Love Where You Live campaign (26.5%)
- Graffiti campaigns (22%)
- Junior citizen events (16%)
- Community wardens (14%)

#### Enforcement

- On the spot fines for littering (80%)
- Issue of FPNs to businesses not registered to carry waste (61%)
- Issue of litter clearing notices (54%)
- Use of dog control orders (47%)
- Issue of street litter control notices (40%)
- On the spot fines for fly-posting (36%)
- Control/prevention of the sale of vehicles on the road (36%)
- On the spot fines where waste is left out at the wrong times (34.5%)

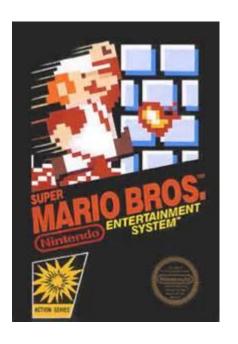






#### **Beyond Enabling**



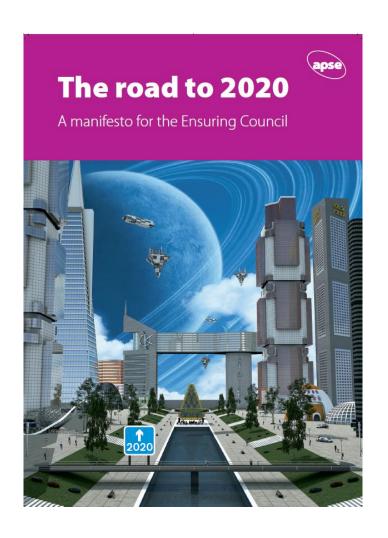


# Principles of the Ensuring Council



Principles	What does this mean in practice?
Stewardship	Ensuring the social, economic and environmental well- being of the local area
Core capacity	Maintaining advantages of in-house services to meet local needs
Municipal entrepreneurship	Opportunities for innovation and income generation
Collaboration	Working with other providers on a collaborative basis rather than through competition
Politics	Grounding local decision making in political accountability
Social justice	Meeting the needs of the community





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