



# **Review of Public Administration - Opportunities and Challenges**

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# Community Technical Aid Projects

- **Neighbourhood Plans**
- **Community Strategies**
- **Community Facilities**
- **Consultation Processes and Reports**

# RPA - Key Issues and Challenges

- **Powers devolved to new local councils**
- **Enhanced powers for councils**
- **Restructuring of services**
- **New power of Community Planning**

# RPA - Devolved Powers

## Neighbourhood Renewal - Opportunities

- **for integration with other council responsibilities**
- **to strengthen partnerships (within Community Planning?)**

# RPA - Devolved Powers

## Neighbourhood Renewal - Challenges

- **revisit the strategy?**
- **simplify the structures?**
- **resource allocations?**

# RPA - Devolved Powers

## Land Use Planning

- **stronger links between areas of need and of opportunity**
- **attracting investment**
- **closing 'democratic deficit'**

# RPA - Enhanced Powers

## Community Development - Opportunities

- **to better link community infrastructure and community services**
- **to simplify funding streams**

# RPA - Enhanced Powers

## Community Development - Challenges

- fewer structures, greater sharing?
- protecting resources from government

# RPA - Enhanced Powers

## Advice Sector

- **hubs and satellites**
- **seven hubs?**
- **28 CABx and 70 Advice NI members**

# RPA - Restructuring

- **19 Trusts become five**
- **one for Belfast: three hospitals, North and West and South and East HSS Trusts**
- **larger contracts for services?**
- **larger, fewer, city-wide grants?**
- **acute services dominating community services?**

# RPA - New Power

## Community Planning

- **Scottish model**
- **legislative basis**
- **agencies required to co-operate and implement**
- **councils will co-ordinate**

# Community Planning in Scotland

- **Edinburgh** - 'compact' on role of and resources for sector
- **Dundee** - nine local community plans
- **Fife** - local community plans and children's services plan

# Government Commitments

- **full partners with an equal voice**
- **truly inclusive process**
- **councils will commission services from community and voluntary groups**

## Next Steps

- **Taskforce Working Group to prepare detailed policies**
- **Sub groups due (including Community Planning)**
- **New legislation required**

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