

# The Review of Public Administration: Impact on the voluntary sector?

*'The new role of the Council  
in community regeneration  
and development'*

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**“Imagination is  
more important  
than knowledge”**

**Albert Einstein**

## Northern Ireland: Three challenges

- ✓ Economic growth
- ✓ World class place
- ✓ Strategic leadership

# Public service challenge

Being like everyone else

- Rationalisation
- New structures
- Performance
- Customer focus
- Resources

# Community planning

*'The process through which a Council comes together with other organisations to plan, provide for, or promote the well-being of communities they serve.'*

## Core principles:

- Strategic vision
- Participation
- Partnership

# 'Sheffield First' model

## The Sheffield First family of partnerships



# Community planning in Northern Ireland?

- Co-ordinated approaches
- Leadership
- Having a vision
- Engagement
- Better public services
- Accountability and transparency
- Commitment
- Changing the way we do things...

“Local government is the **junction box for local services**, whether they are delivered by local government, by national agencies, or by local voluntary and private sectors. Local government has a unique democratic mandate to map the needs of an area, understand what constitutes best practice, and then coordinate its delivery”

Minister for Communities and Local Government, **David Miliband**

# Belfast: State of the City initiative

A Council-initiated process to engage in **strategic development** across the city:

- **Research-based** approach
- Making Belfast competitive
- The city as the **driver of the region**
- Working with **all development organisations**
- A **To Do check list** for Belfast:

**Leadership**

**Economy**

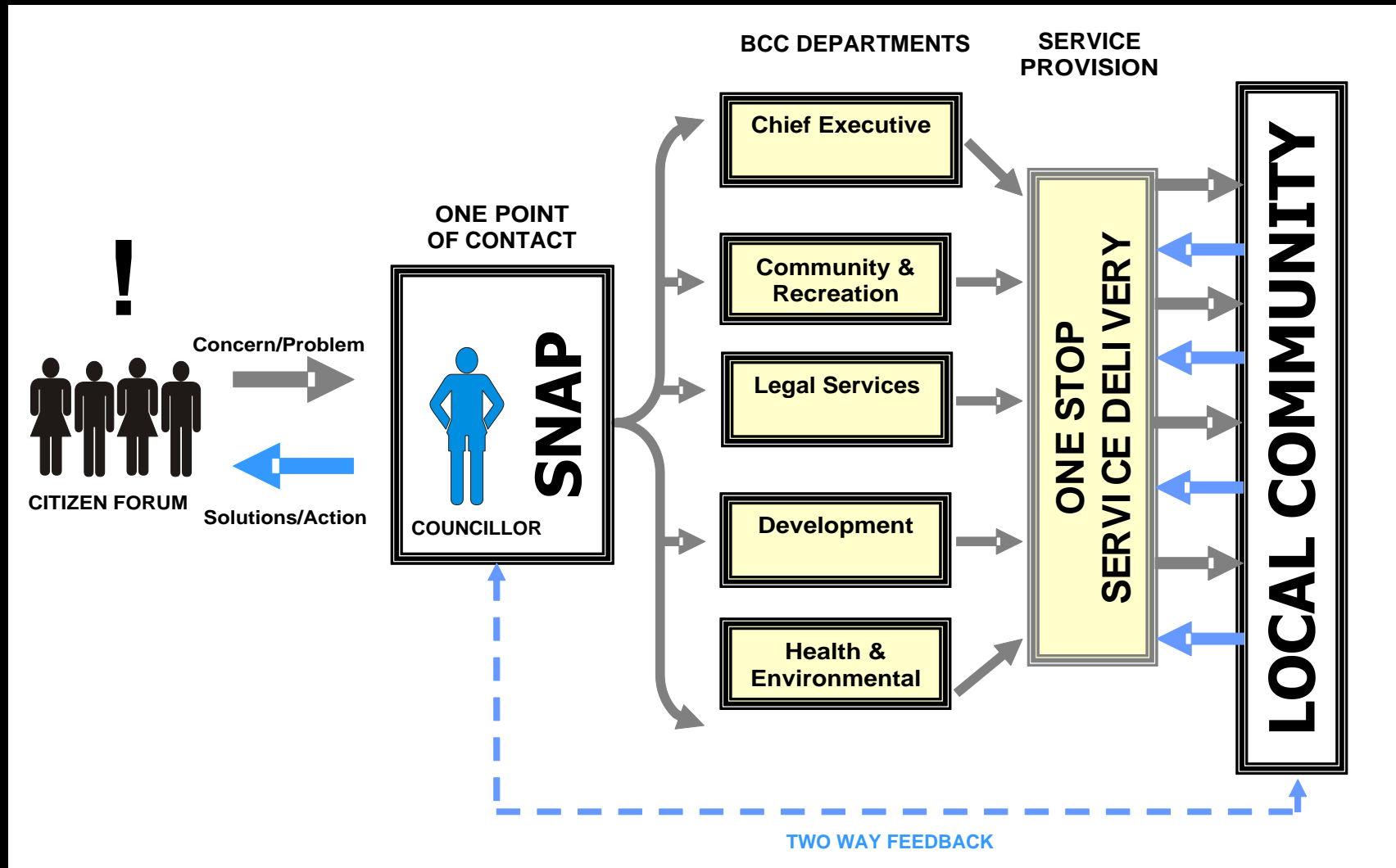
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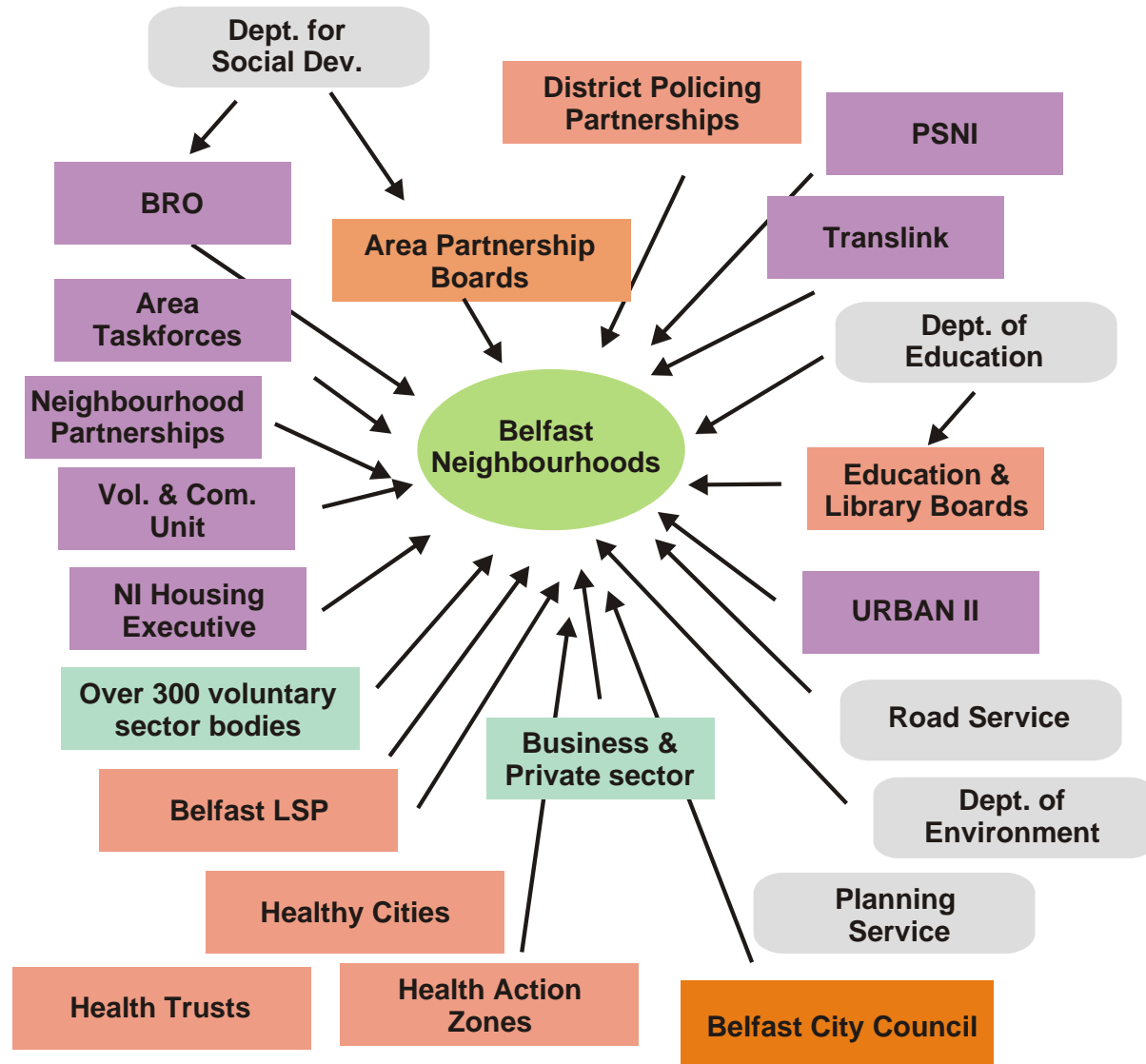
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# SNAP

## Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan



# Current delivery at neighbourhood level



“The capacity of an organisation to thrive in an age of revolution depends on its ability to re-imagine the very essence of its purpose and destiny and to continually create for itself new dreams and new destinations”

**Gary Hamel**



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