

SW Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership

Stronger Communities Programme

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REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT
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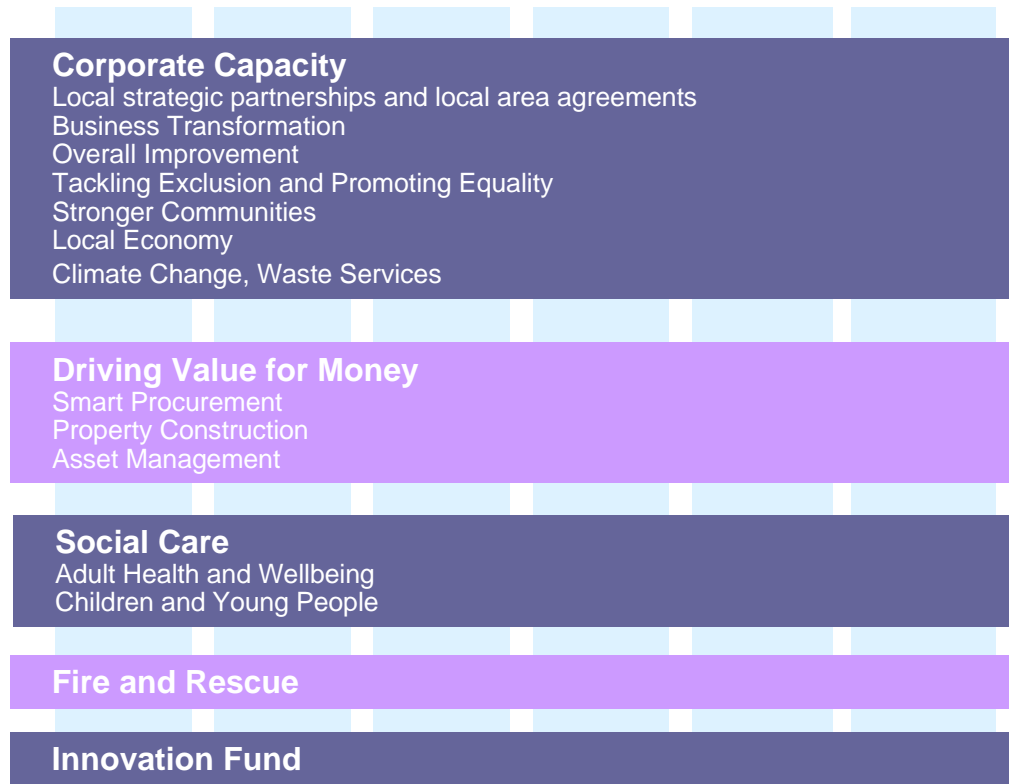
NIES, published at the end of December 2007, highlighted four national themes

- Improving value for money
 - To meet the 3% efficiency target
- Increasing innovative capacity
 - To respond to future challenges
- Community engagement
 - Giving communities a strong voice and a role in reforming services
- Improving economic and neighbourhood renewal leadership capacity
 - Link to Sub-National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration

Supporting the delivery of LAA priorities

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SW RIEP supports key areas for authorities with five key workstream groups



With a focus around 3% savings, LAA outcomes and distinctive regional priorities

Regional leadership where required, and coordination of support

Examples of good practice benchmarking, access to experience

Pump-priming of innovation and collaboration

Peer challenge and support

Access to frameworks and national programmes

Skills development in new areas

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What has SW RIEP ever done for councils ?

66 Improvement projects

- Executive Leadership
- Peer Review
- Top Teams
- Equalities
- Member Charter
- Reputations
- Leadership Academy
- Fast Track
- Councillor Mentoring
- Perf Imp Programme
- Business Transformation skills courses
- Moderncouncillor.com

**Plus individual support
Where needed**

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Stronger communities programme- background

- £300K over 3 years
- Focus is on LAA outcomes, white paper ambitions
- Compliment other regional and national programmes
- Opportunity to 'shape' this further-links to other RIEP programmes-LAA's, equalities etc

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Stronger communities-delivery plan

- Support for LGA Council Reputation campaign
- Improve Council communication and access to information
- Training and development package for Council officers and members
- Spread knowledge and best practice
- Council support programme for community empowerment and working with 3rd sector
- Make it easier for people to stand as councillors
- Community cohesion programme

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SW RIEP is working closely with the National Empowerment Authorities

- Mainstreaming – achieving cultural change in councils and partnerships
- The role of Members in Community Empowerment
- Working with communities and neighbourhoods
- Integrating community empowerment with equalities and cohesion
- Building the evidence and business case of community empowerment

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How to get involved, or find out more

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- Quick Picks
- Member Development Toolkit
- Mapping of South West Waste Sites
- Adult Services Fair Pricing Tool

- Recent Case Studies
- Somerset Virtual Unitary Authority for the Collection of Waste
- Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (RECAP)
- Bristol City Urban Consolidation Project

- Top 3 Downloads
- SW RIEP Regional Strategy
- Waste Services Newsletter - January 2008
- Managing Successful Programmes Course (MSP) Agenda v1



Web links to each south west local authority

The South West Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (SW RIEP) supports Local Authorities take forward work under the department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) efficiency and improvement agendas.

The SW RIEP was set up by four regional improvement agencies in the South West (the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA), the Regional Secretariat (SWLGA), Government Office (GOSW) and the South West RDA (SWRDA).

By working as a partnership the regional improvement agencies are well co-ordinated, more focused, provide better value for money, and are able to disseminate good practice effectively.

SW RIEP FUNDING RELEASE - how you can get involved in shaping the programmes and further details about how to access SW RIEP funding. More.....

Free-of-charge services

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