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What we do

- We help people set up and run community owned and led organisations
- We support organisations to exchange ideas and best practice
- We deliver programmes for central government, and work with local government to support community engagement and develop community enterprise
- We work to influence government and others nationally and locally



Public sector

Wider CVS

Business

Assets

Community anchor

Enterprise

Contracts

Funding

Services

Setting priorities

Support

Representing local people

Facilitation

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Where next for Localism?

Commission on the Future of Localism



The Commissioners

- **Lord Kerlake** - (Chair) President of the LGA and former Head of the Civil Service
- **Professor Jane Wills**, Professor of Human Geography at Queen Mary University
- **Lisa Nandy**, MP for Wigan
- **Laura Sandys**, former MP for South Thanet
- **Joanna Holmes**, CEO Barton Hill Settlement
- **Neil Johnston**, CEO Paddington Development Trust
- **Alison Haskins**, CEO Halifax Opportunities Trust
- **Cllr Sharon Taylor**, Leader of Stevenage Borough Council



Our findings so far...



Localism and Brexit:

Responding to the challenges posed by Brexit:

- An uneven economic model
- A democratic deficit
- A sense of a lack of agency

Can Localism offer a coherent reply to the mantra “take back control”?



Localism and devolution:

- Achieving a localist vision in a devolved context
- More than shifting power and responsibility - needs to be about belonging, identity and connectedness
- Requires broad based leadership - community leaders, business and community business, civil society
- Onward devolution - a key opportunity



Onward devolution:

- Accountability through citizen participation
- Strengthening participatory democracy
- Improved local services

Resetting the relationship between citizen and state:

- Devolution of responsibilities *and* resources
- Community leadership - seeking the expertise within the community
- Shared frustrations - the basis for partnership?



Strengthening community capacity and civil society

- Community infrastructure and organising mechanisms underpins the potential of localism
- Community engagement: requires community development to reengage communities
- Places, spaces and forums for deliberative participation



The role of the co-operative councillor in shaping the future of civil society



Next steps:

Next consultation event: Manchester, 18th September

Find out more about the Commission on the Future of Localism at:

<http://locality.org.uk/events/commission-future-localism-evidence-hearing-2/>

