



# LGA FREEDOM TO LEAD CAMPAIGN

# Background

- Local Government most efficient part of the public sector
- Over £2bn spent on inspecting and monitoring local government
- 77% of leaders feel that CAA not reduced the burden
- Most people believe Council responsible for services beyond their control
- International comparisons

# The 'offer' from the sector

1. Political accountable leadership of the “place”
2. Strengthened collaborative working
3. Peer challenge
4. Sector led support rather than intervention
5. Openness and accountability to local people
6. Joint development of national outcomes
7. Single approach to improvement in localities
8. Councillors equipped for new roles

# The 'ask' of a new government

1. Councils to approve/veto named partner budgets
2. No more than 5 national outcomes agreed with the sector (and 5 minimum standards)
3. 3 year 'area funding' for total public services – minimal ringfencing
4. LAAs replaced by 'outcome agreements' negotiated with citizens, not upwards

## **‘the ask’ (part 2)**

5. Single performance management framework for the place.
6. Single inspectorate (merging NAO, AC, inspectorates)
7. Move towards a single improvement body for localities
8. Local govt intervenes before Ministers in event of service failure
9. All government ‘improvement’ resources devolved to sector



# Next steps



Lobbying and consultation late Jan and Feb

Consultation closes 10 March

Final proposition to LGA IB on 29 March (to take account of Total Place findings)