



*Excellence in
Local Government*

Replacing the Beacon Scheme

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Retaining the best of the old...

Refreshed principles of the new scheme

- Identify, acknowledge and spread innovation & excellence
- Raise standards by promoting best practice through peer learning and knowledge transfer
- Improve services to make a real difference to quality of life and life chances for individuals & communities
- Give national recognition to local, frontline services and partnerships

Introducing something fresh and new

Five key elements

- Design that supports challenging agenda facing local government and its partners
- Capacity to identify emerging innovation
- Timely knowledge transfer
- Increased profile, celebration and incentives for applicants and award winners
- Strategic governance body

New approach, new scheme, new name - '+Impact'

- Hot-wired to top 20 LAA priorities
- Fewer themes, more reward
- Challenge process – applicants present to Peer Challenge Panel event
- Support for emerging thinking or untested ideas from the front line teams – a small Dragons' Den-type panel
- Joint central and local government policy champions for strategic profile and positioning of awardees

New themes

1. Building economic resilience
2. Keeping children and young people safe in the Community
3. Policing our communities Together
4. Taking control of Care
5. Achieving more through Partnership (challenge theme)
6. Tackling challenging community issues using talent across the generations (challenge theme)

Framework for new scheme

4 themes explicitly
reflecting
the top ranking
LAA priorities

Economic resilience
Safeguarding children
Policing our communities
Taking Control of Care

*(on-site,
interrogative peer review)*



Up to 2 more open
Challenge
Themes

Achieving more
through partnerships
And

Tackling challenging local issues
Using talent of the generations

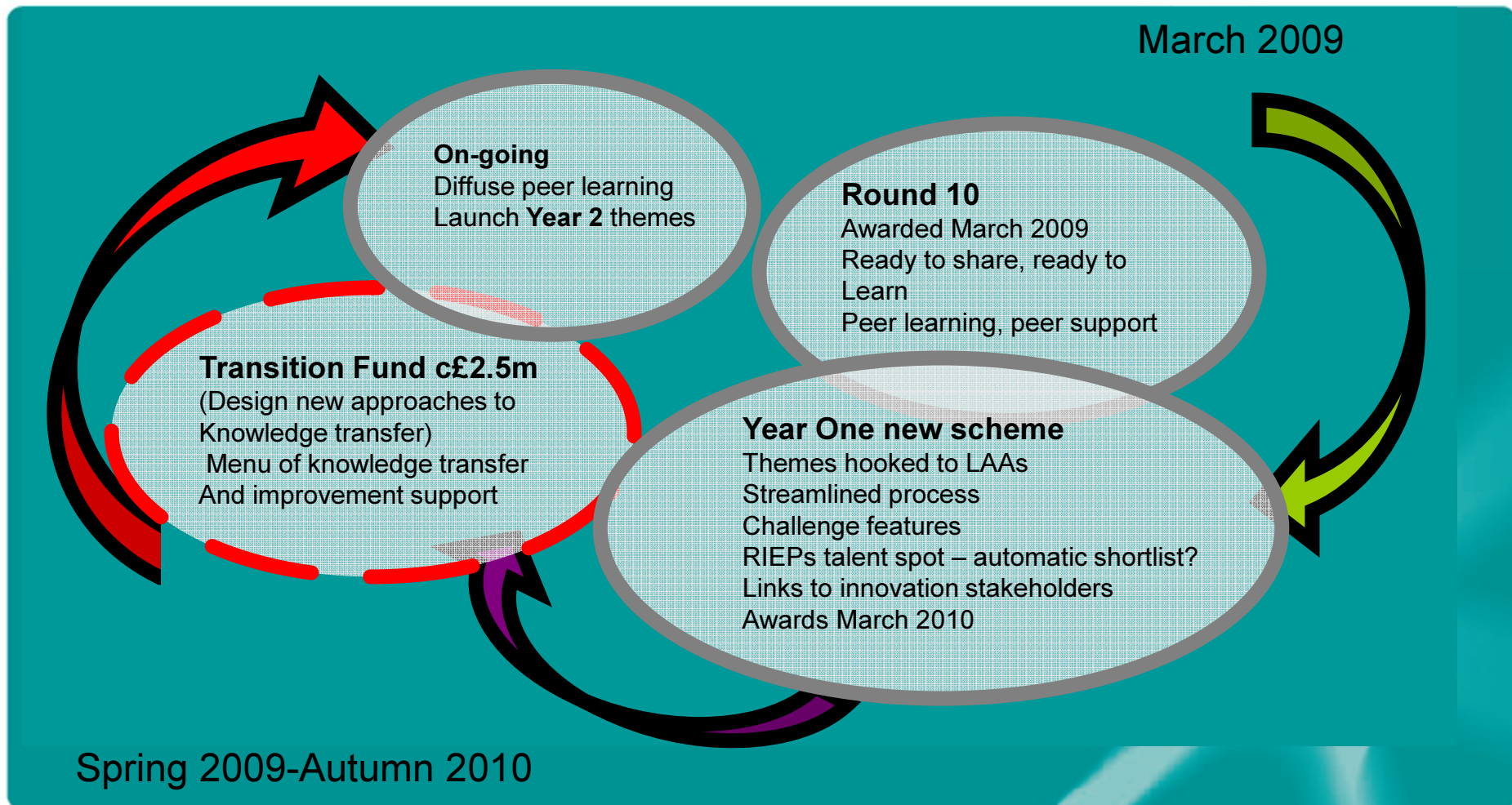
*(Peer Challenge Panel
Event)*



**I've got a
good idea!**

*(Dragons'
Den
Style panel)*

Business cycle for achieving 'Impact'



New look-governance and input of the LGA Improvement Board and Group

- Strategic, smaller but representative panel with access to Expert Reference Group
- Positioning in improvement infrastructure
- Space to innovate required for sector-led model
- Integration and improvement across service and 'place'
- Hooked up to regions
- Facing 'unknown unknowns' – ideas leadership, innovation, knowledge transfer models
- Sustainability – support for organisational capacity