



Local Government Association

Crime and Disorder Act Review: the next steps

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promoting better local government

- Home Office reviewed workings of CDRPs last year
- published outcome in Jan 2006
- implementation via Police and Justice Bill
- LGA working closely with HO on detail
- HO reference groups and project groups
- Stakeholders involved include APA, CFOA, IDeA, CCN, CPS and Welsh Assmblly

Main proposals

- widening of S17
- extending range of 'responsible bodies'
- extending scrutiny to C&D issues
- splitting 'strategic' from 'operational'
- mandating cabinet member onto LSP and CDRP
- 'community call for action'
- national standards and NIM

Status of LSPs and CDRPs

- LSPs and CDRPs have different origins
- now converging, with ‘duty to co-operate’ proposed for LSPs
- in many areas, CDRP already working as thematic sub-group of LSP
- complexities in two-tier areas
- outcome of LSP review should clarify

Strategic and operational split

- designed to improve focus and rationalise
- some concerns on how split works for two tiers
- HO project group now refining detail
- accepted that district CDRPs will still need to work 'strategically' at their local level
- aim of achieving geographic layering, down to neighbourhoods

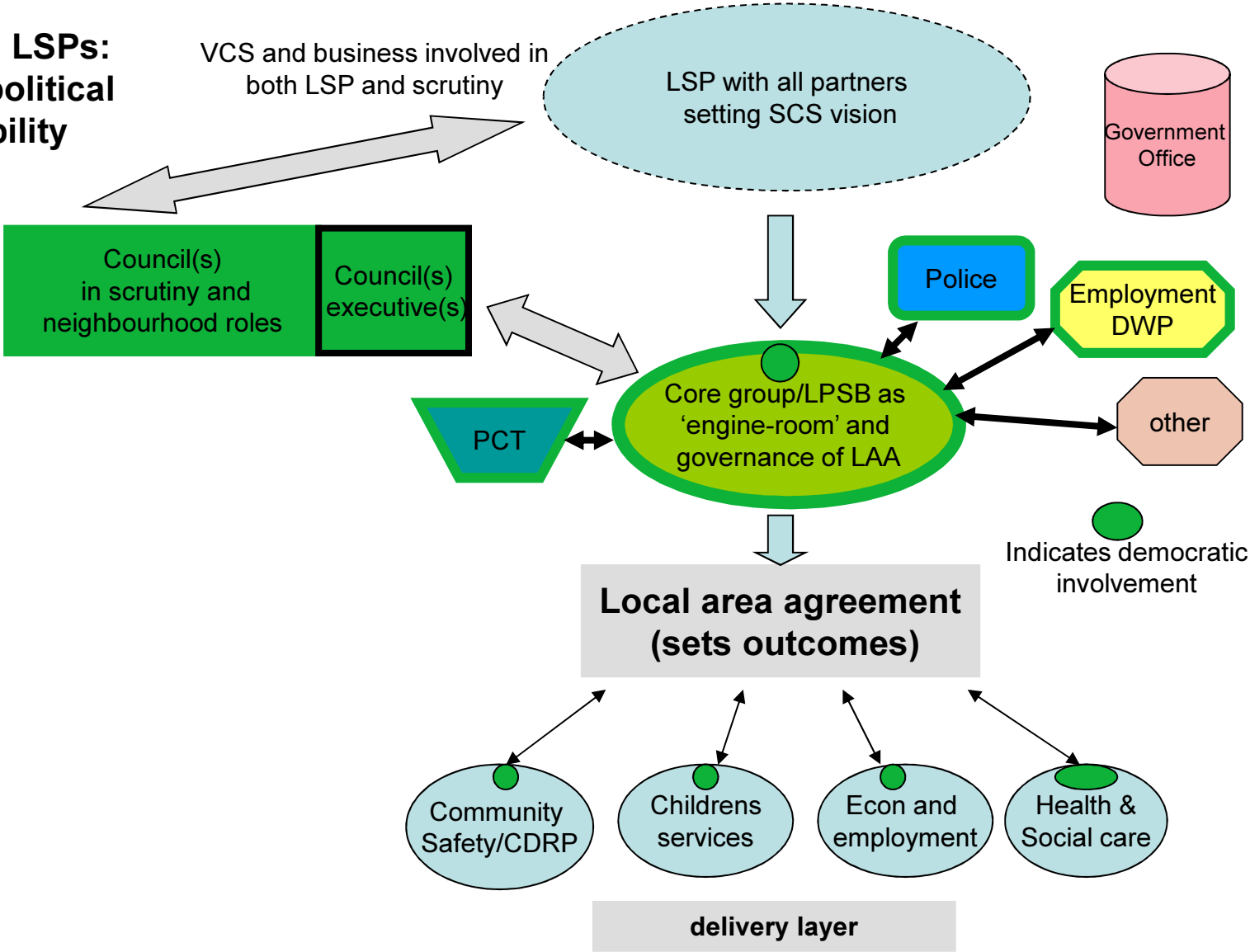
Political leadership

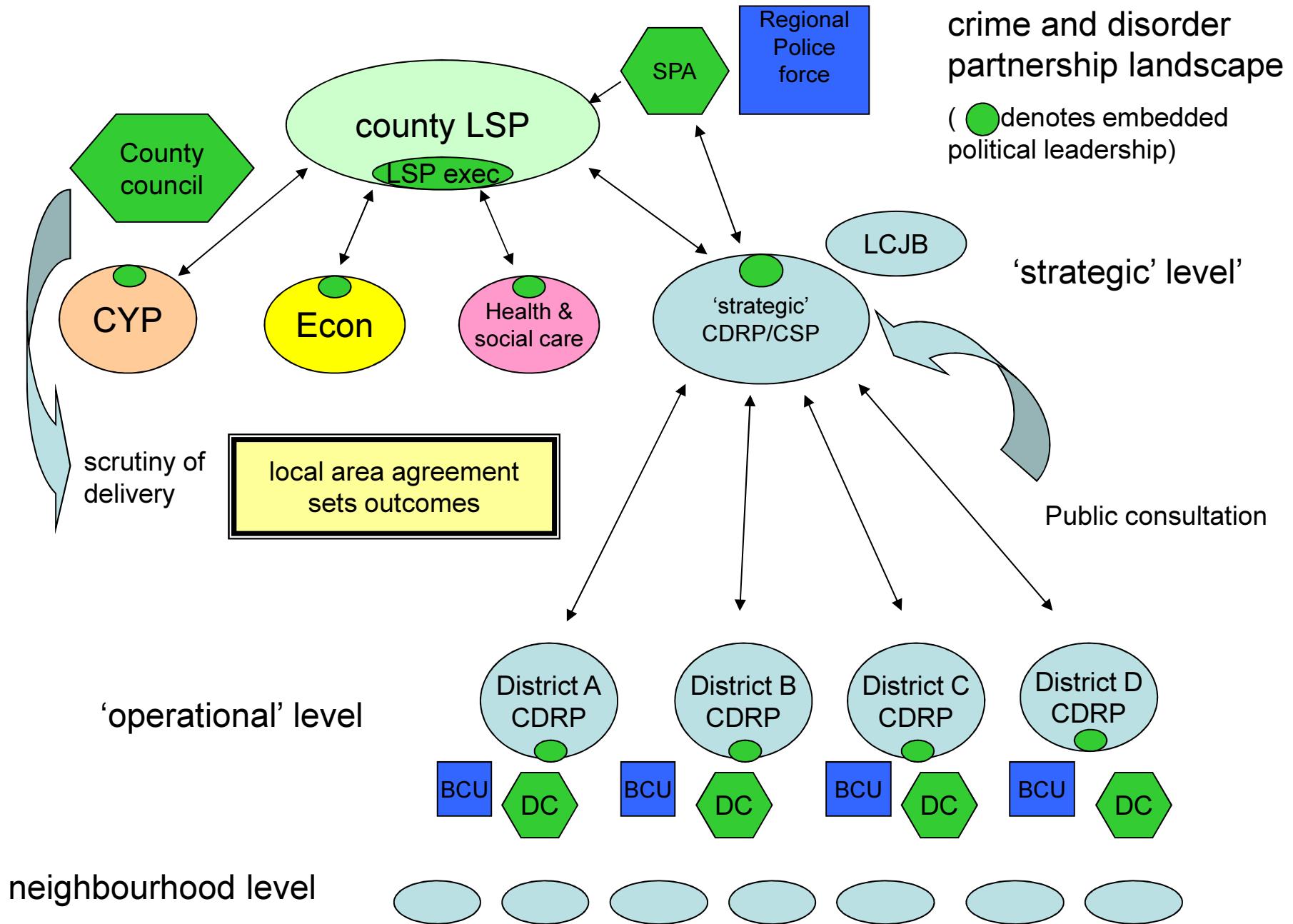
- community safety cabinet member to take a lead role at LSP level
- and at CDRP/Community Safety Partnership
- in two tier, Districts may be leading on ‘safer and stronger’ theme of LAA
- so county/district roles need resolving
- SPA role on LSPs or ‘strategic’ CDRPs

Regional and sub-regional dimension

- impact of police restructuring and merged forces
- what should be future SPA role at LSP and strategic CDRP level?
- Coterminosity of BCUs and CDRPs remains
- SPA member role as co-optee on O&S
- SPAs retain oversight of BCU performance

**LGA view on LSPs:
embedding political
accountability**





Overview and scrutiny

- the thinking is similar to health model
- ‘scrutiny plus’ involving LSP partners as part of council scrutiny processes
- police and fire authority members also
- in line with LGA views on stronger community leadership by LAs
- but extra workload for councils

Community call for action

- part of Respect action plan
- DCLG propose similar 'trigger' for any local issues
- escalation from safer neighbourhood team/ward councillor to scrutiny bodies
- right of referral to executive as 'last resort'
- does not apply to counties

LGA line to take in further HO discussions?

- supportive of thrust of proposals
- two tier issues need addressing
- avoid too much prescription and detailed regulation/guidance
- LAA framework provides route for GOs to oversee local partnership working
- Govt should 'presume competence'
- and integrate with wider LSP changes