

CfPS 8th Annual Conference  
**Enhancing the role that scrutiny  
plays in improvement process**

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**New arrangement between Local and Central  
Government**

Local- central discussions are covering the following themes:

- A new Central and Local Government Agreement
  - Efficiency and innovation through partnership
  - Helping councils reduce costs and improve productivity
  - Using transparency to support local accountability and reduce government's data costs
  - Local Government self improvement
  - Reducing the burden of inspection on councils
  - Providing early warning of risk failure
  - Expanding this model to improve a wider range of public services in an area
- Scrutiny is central to this new model**

## **A new Central and Local Government Agreement**

- Small number of priority outcomes – up to 6?
- Small number of national indicators – only 30?

## **Efficiency and innovation through partnership**

- Learning from Total Place
- Area based budgets will allow system – wide approach

## **Helping councils reduce costs and improve productivity**

- National productivity programme including benchmarking

## **Using transparency to support local accountability and reduce Government's data costs**

- Local Government owning its own data – standards, definitions
- Sector – wide approach to transparency

## **Local Government self improvement**

- **Collaboration and mutual support – expectation**
- **Commitment to regular self – evaluation and peer review**

## **Reducing the burden of inspection on councils**

- **OFSTED and CQC annual reviews will be discontinued as will unannounced inspections**
- **Specialists inspections of schools, care homes etc but a dual key arrangement**

## **Providing early warning of risk failure**

- **LGA Group would use data and work inspection and regulation bodies to provide early warning of failure**
- **External inspection only if sector led support isn't working**
- **But inspection bodies would retain the right inspection with consent of SoS where there are serious concerns**

## **Conclusions/questions**

**For scrutiny members and officers:**

- **Local ownership of data and improvement?**

**What does this mean for you?**

- **Greater transparency**

**What's the scrutiny role in translating this into real accountability?**