

# Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils: Shared Agenda

Presentation to Chiltern and South Bucks Partnership  
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at Chiltern District Council



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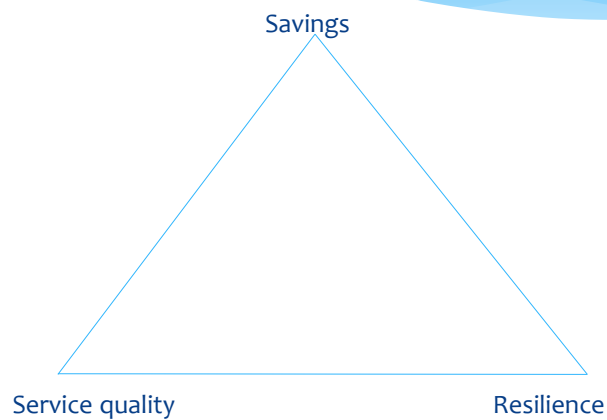


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- 1) How we measure success
- 2) Progress so far
- 3) Corporate Peer Challenge

## Success of our joint project will be measured by

- ✓ Save money for local taxpayer
- ✓ Possibilities for further savings
- ✓ Maintain front line resilience
- ✓ Better services to the public
- ✓ Rationalisation of office space and assets
- ✓ More efficient procurement
- ✓ If viable, move towards a single service delivery unit



## Progress so far

- \* Phase 1 combined senior management team £660k savings
- \* Phase 2:
  - 10 service reviews complete, £600k savings
  - staff becoming more familiar with the approach
  - 8 service reviews in process or about to start
  - learning lessons from implementations
  - increasing sharing of ICT and core applications
  - joint bids to Govt Transformation Challenge Fund

## Shared Service Programme

Service	Business Case	Joint Service Started	Location
Licensing	✓	✓	Amersham
Community Safety	✓	✓	Capswood
Housing	✓	✓	Amersham
Building Control	✓	✓	Capswood
Finance	✓	✓	Amersham
Parking	✓	Nov 2015	Amersham
Legal Services	✓	Jan 2015	Capswood
Community & Leisure	✓	Dec 2014	Amersham
Plan Policy	✓	Jan 2015	Both
Prop & Facilities	✓	April 2015	Amersham

## Shared Services Programme

Service	In Progress	Joint Cmm Report	To Start
Personnel	✓	Feb 2015	
Policy & Comms	✓	Feb 2015	
Business Support	✓	Feb 2015	
Customer Services	✓	March 2015	
Env Health	✓	March 2015	
Revs & Benefits	✓	March 2015	
Waste Client			Jan 2015
Planning			May 2015

## Aligning policies and procurement

- Banking Services
- Audit services
- FOI workflow
- Website application & Intranet
- Joint Financial & Contract Procedure Rules
- Phased introduction of harmonised terms and conditions
- Business Planning
- Better use of accommodation

\* But: separate financial strategies, but common features

- ✓ Zero Council Tax increase 2014-15
- ✓ Thorough review of budgets
- ✓ More savings required in future years
- ✓ Need to fund change and transformation

	Chiltern	South Bucks
Net Budget	£9,702k	£8,569k
Savings Target 16/17	£184k	£566k

## Corporate Peer Challenge

- \* 17-20 November – on site
- \* Critical friend
- \* NOT an inspection
- \* LGA initiative tailored at shared management councils
- \* An opportunity to take stock and think through the next steps
- \* Learning experience

## Peer Team:

Stephen Baker:	CEX Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Districts
Cllr Philip Sanders:	Leader, West Devon (partnership with South Hams)
Dave Barnett:	Strategic Director, Christchurch and East Dorset Districts
Richard King:	Strategic Director, Lichfield District
Susan Nelson-Wehrmeyer:	LGA
Ellen Care:	NGPD
Andrew Winfield:	Peer Challenge Manager

### Link Officers:

Rachel Prance  
Viv Saunders  
Kate Murray

## Areas of Focus

- \* Effectiveness of the shared arrangements/next steps
- \* Is the partnership fit for purpose?
- \* What is the direction of work with external partners?
  
- \* Governance structures for priorities
- \* Skills, CAPACITY, expertise
- \* The right strategies? Well delivered?

## The Approach

- \* Position Statement and links to key documents
- \* Interviews, discussion groups
- \* Members – staff – partners
- \* Feedback: Thursday 20 November
- \* Written report: New Year

## Questions and Discussion