

Key messages 1

- From rhetoric to reality... localism has great potential, but devil in the detail – how to move to ‘certainty’?
- Local government key role, including innovative (cross-boundary) partnerships eg with private sector, communities, Housing Associations, LEPs, third sector, HCA, Joint Ventures...
- Innovate for delivery (inc infrastructure) if little/no grant; how to best use new funds eg CIL/TIF etc
- Look at how public assets/land can be best used
- New Homes Bonus – opportunities? But how will it work in practice?



Key messages 2

- Private sector can bring expertise (eg funding models) to new community-led approach
- Understanding needs of all parts of community is vital, inc ageing, families, social changes, migrants; health agenda links
- Local leadership and effective governance arrangements very important
- Proactive LAs should help communities get involved in planning/identifying need etc - need for skills and resources to enable community planning
- Central Government should better align its different departments' policies and actions/funding
- Social housing reforms – challenges and opportunities for local government and Housing Associations, eg rents; security of tenure; under-occupancy; loss of 'social' housing?



Key messages 3

- Reduce/avoid further unnecessary regulatory burdens and associated costs
- Role of/improvements in Private Rented Sector eg accreditation; empty homes etc; but concern re impact of benefits reform?
- Migration – scale and diversity (inc EU and non-EU); impact varies in different local areas; economic importance
- Benefits and challenges of migration, eg:
 - ‘+’ plugging skills gaps/economic contribution, but
 - ‘-’ homes in multiple occupancy/overcrowding, pressure on private rents, community perceptions
- Addressing perm/non-perm accommodation and service needs...
- Tackle over-dependence on migrant skills?

