

# North West Futures North West Improvement Network ODPM Perspective

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# NWIN - ODPM View

Government wants:

- Continuous improvement in services
- Greater efficiency
- Effective leadership for communities at all levels
- Delivery of floor targets



But NWIN, whilst involving and sharing objectives, is about methods of change and means by which improvement can be brought about

It is how; the what is clear



# NWIN – ODPM and local view

ODPM has allocated £7.9m to assist joint learning and working

The outcomes desired are the same as the local authorities and their communities want



# NWIN – Improvement

- Strategic, top-down – the earlier list
- Specific, bottom-up – learning plans, individual and grouped
- Overall – transformation, organisation development
- Key links with other ODPM initiative – to be strengthened



# NWIN – Network

- Local Authorities – collectively a huge pool of knowledge, experience and expertise
- University / SOLACE Enterprises – teaching, research, evaluation, consultancy
- IDeA – Key local government resource
- DPM – focusing more on OD, alongside efficiency



# NWIN – Vision

- NW highest performing region in public service
- Genuine joint working and co-operation
- Centre for Local Governance



# North West Improvement Network

Phil Watson

Chief Executive Blackburn with  
Darwen Borough Council

Chair of NWIN Executive Board



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Local Authority drive,  
- not provider led



# North West Improvement Network

- ODPM Capacity Building Fund for the Network
- £7.9m over 3 years
- Aim to raise performance of all Councils, especially weak and poor
- Strategic Board
- Executive Board



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- Network Manager / Wigan
- Knowledge Hub / Centre for Local Governance
- Learning Plans
  - Individual
  - Regional



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- Regional Learning Plan analysis of need and strengths from individual Learning Plans
- The local authority sector helping itself to improve



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- Programmes
  - Individual
  - Sub-regional
  - Regional

.....legacy.....



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# North West Improvement Network

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Accountable Body



# North West Improvement Network

- The Legacy Agenda



# North West Improvement Network

## A Region of Excellence

- A cohesive Network of Councils working together to create a culture of learning in order to improve



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## A Region of Excellence

- A Centre for Local Governance of national and international repute that is rooted in the North West



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- Full engagement with NWIN will demonstrate to all a commitment and capacity to improve



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## A Region of Excellence

- High quality and committed sub-regional collaborative working throughout the region



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- Co-operative working between support agencies that deliver the benefits of “joined up thinking”



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