

ALTOGETHER BETTER – PROPOSAL TO REALITY

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OPERATING CONTEXT

Redefining relationship between citizen and state, underpinned by following values:

- ***Increased Freedom*** - Frameworks that support social responsibility and civil liberties
- ***Fairness*** - Those who cannot, we always help
- ***Responsibility*** - Those who can, do

DRIVERS

- ***Deficit Reduction and Economic Recovery***
- ***A Smaller State*** – significant contraction of public sector
- ***Decentralisation*** – empowering citizens to take control over their lives
- ***Political Reform*** – e.g. elected mayoral model

A HUGE CULTURE CHANGE

“....where people in their everyday lives, their homes their neighbourhoods, their workplace...

....don't always turn to officials, local authorities or central government for answers to the problems they face....

...but instead feel both free and powerful enough to help themselves and their own communities.”

Prime Minister

COMMUNITY BUDGET

- make **better use of resources, including the pooling of budgets** of all agencies where it is effective to do so
- **free local professionals from central rules and regulations** that are getting in the way so they can redesign services and delivery more effectively for residents
- Establish appropriate **local partnership and governance arrangements to create a unified approach** that suits local needs.

PUT SIMPLY

PRINCIPLES

Open Public Services White Paper



LEGISLATION

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act; Health and Social Care Bill; Localism Act

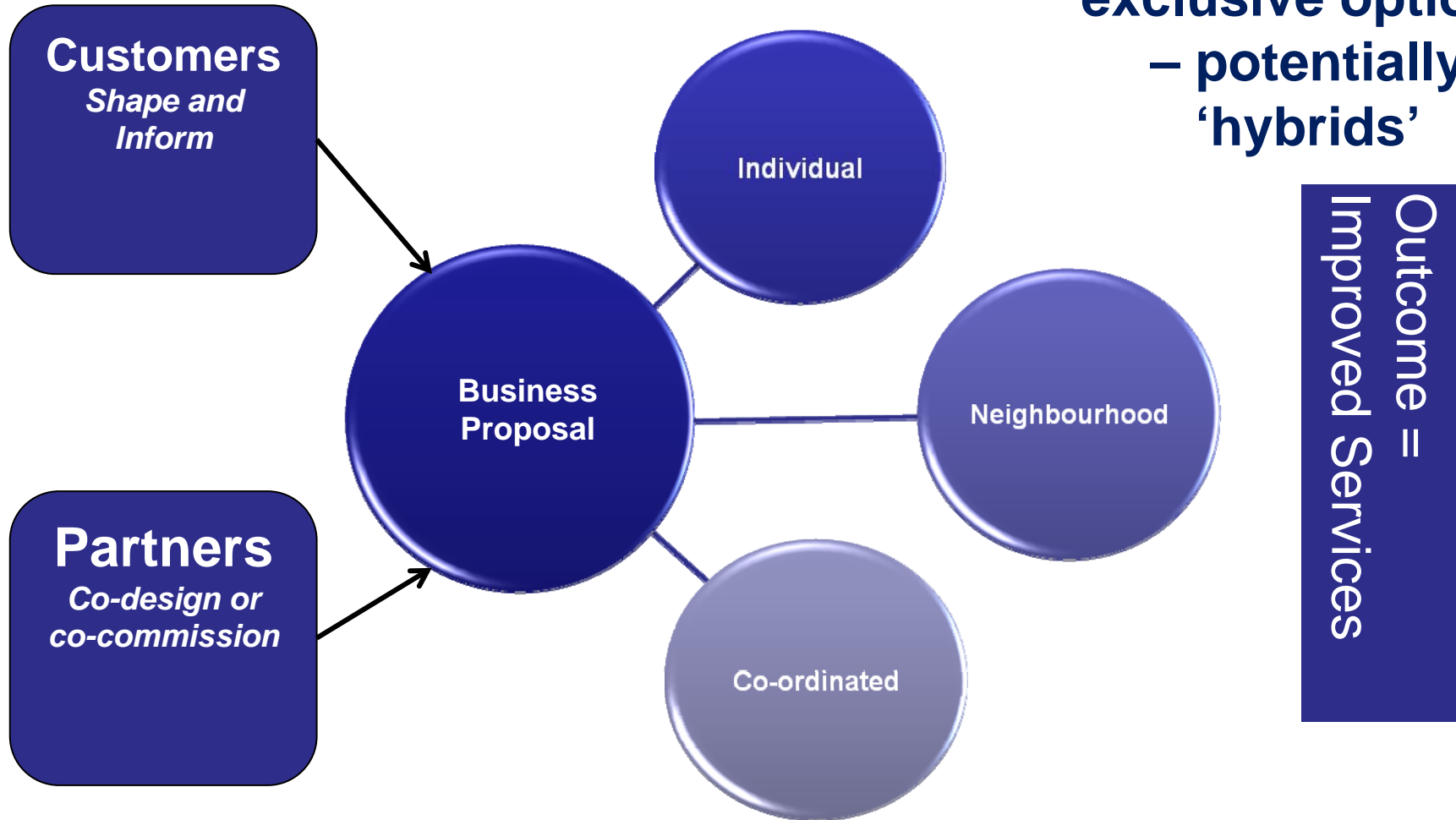


TESTBED

Community Budgets – Altogether Better proposal

NEW DELIVERY MODEL

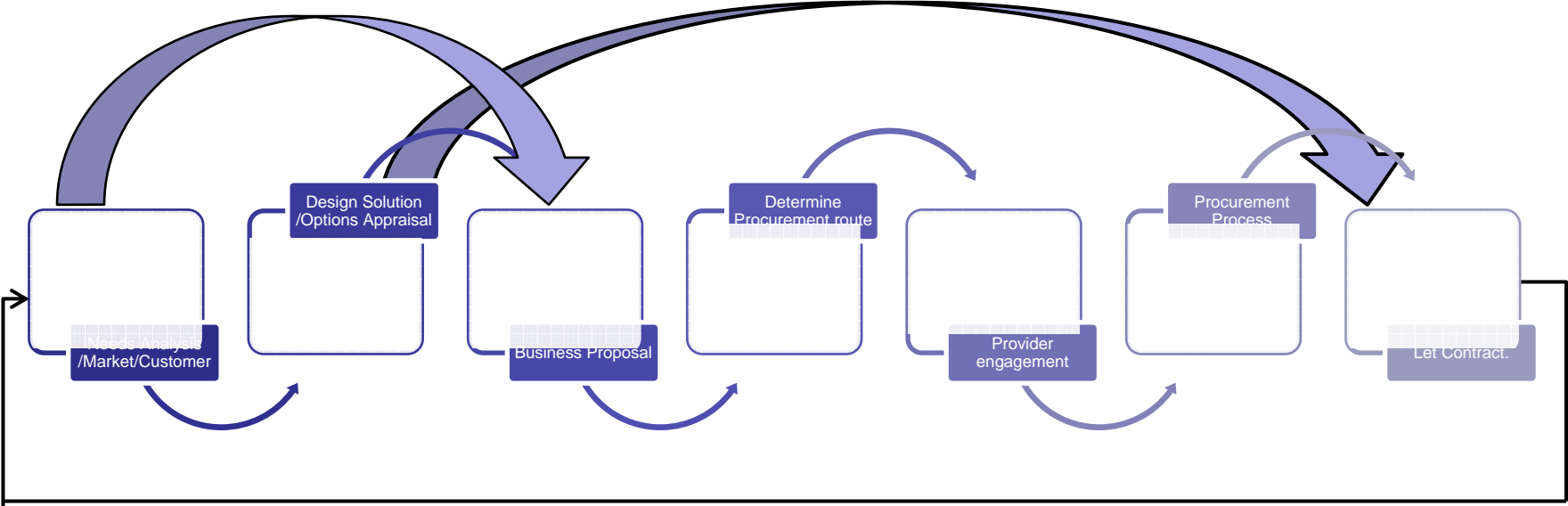
Not mutually
exclusive options
– potentially
'hybrids'



THE 'COMMISSIONING' MODEL

COMMISSIONING

PROCUREMENT



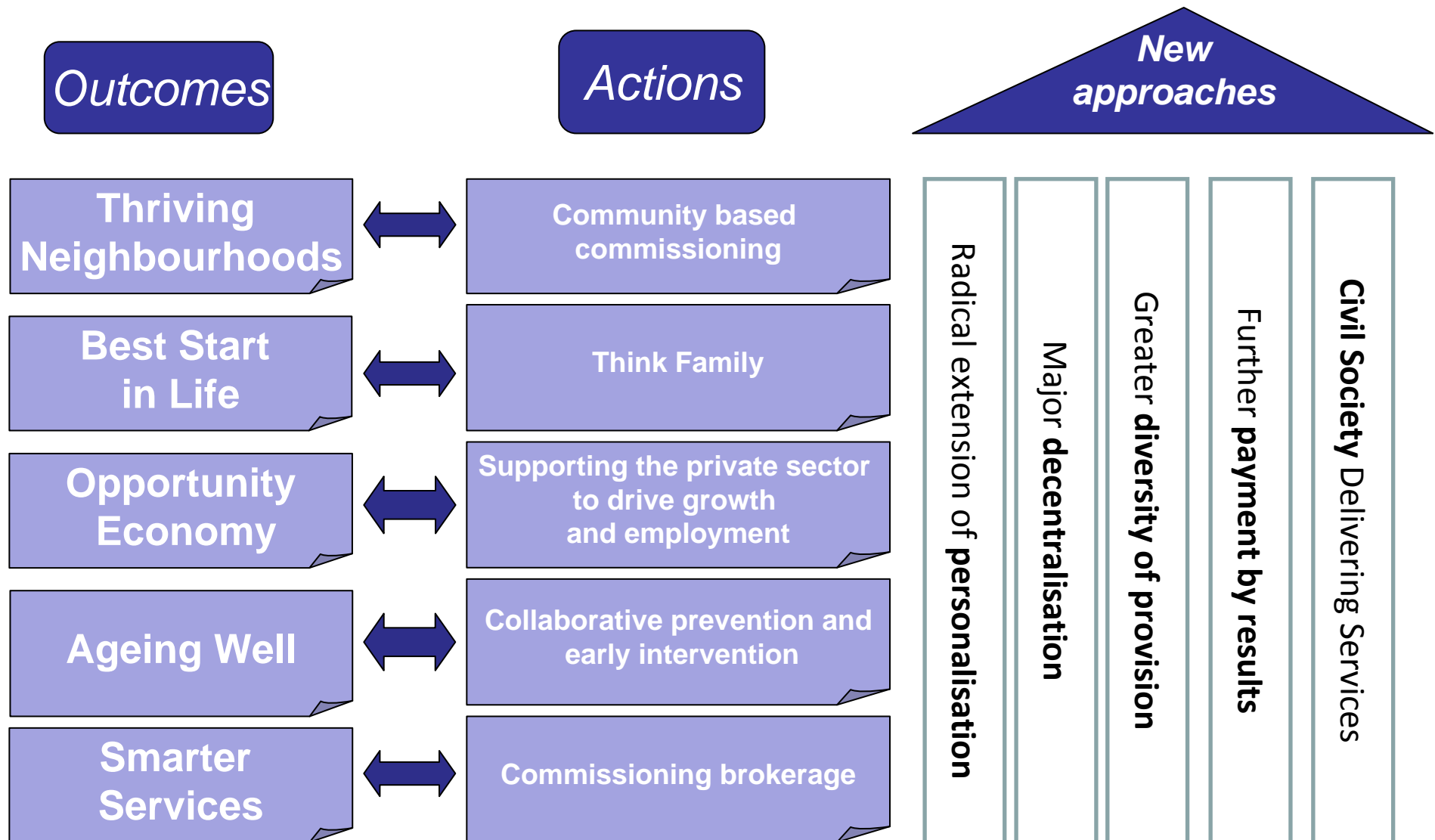
Re-Design, De-commission, Re-commission

WEST CHESHIRE PHILOSOPHY

- **Leading not responding**
- **Opportunity rather than threat**
- **Empowering and enabling, not restricting and controlling**

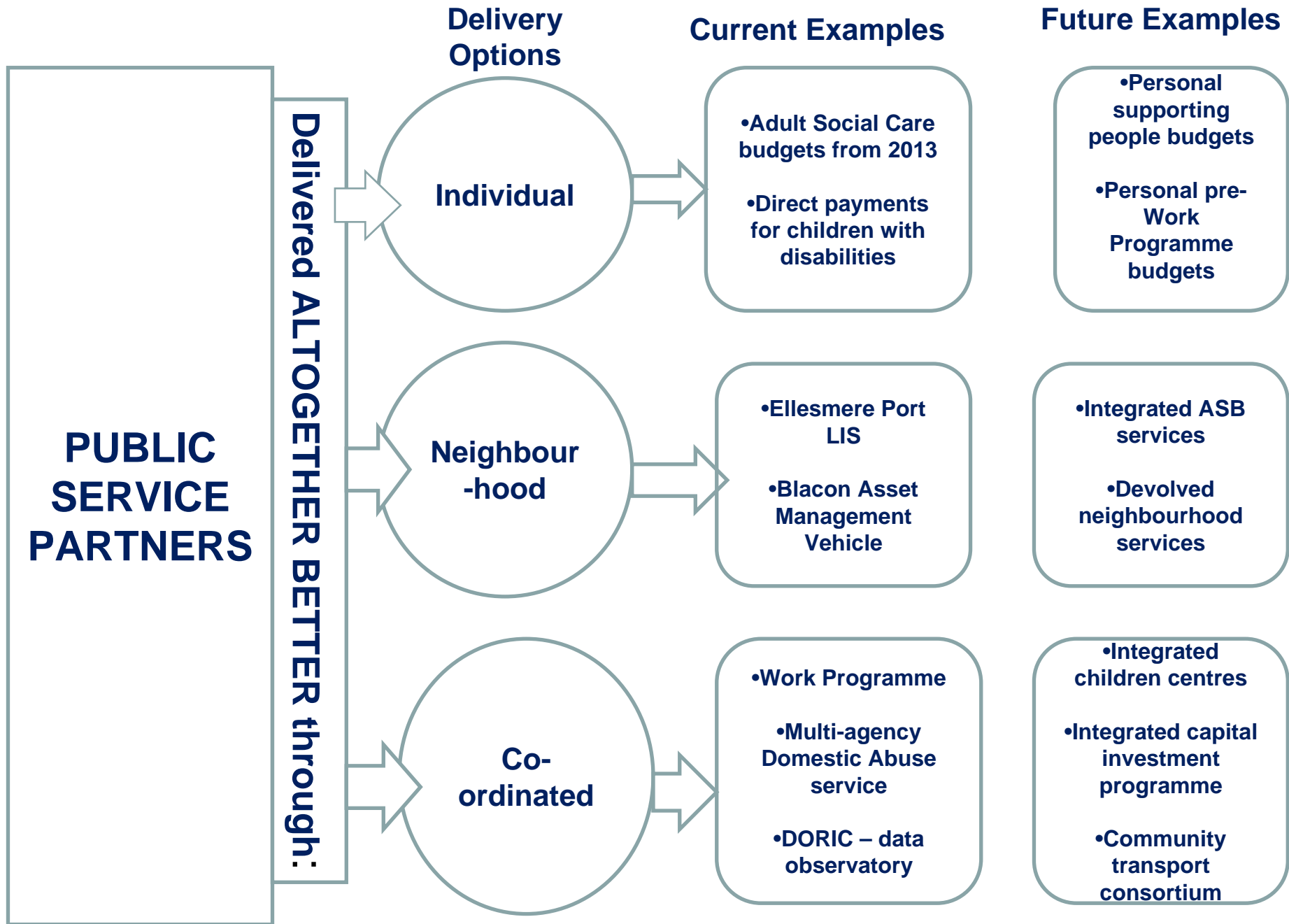
= An ambitious partnership

ALTOGETHER BETTER – THE PROPOSAL



THE PROJECTS

- **19 projects to develop and test the approach**
- **3-5 projects within each of the outcome themes**
- **Focused on early prevention, better commissioning, maximisation of the asset base and better for less.**



MOBILISATION

30 day plan in place:

- **Sealing the deal with government**
- **Policy and service reviews**
- **Resourcing**
- **Leadership & Management – including Public Services Board**
- **Communication and consultation**
- **Review and evaluation strategy**
- **Full programme and project plan**

BENEFITS

- **Serious access to Whitehall and Westminster**
- **Positions West Cheshire more widely**
- **Enhances organisational and personal credibility**

ROLE OF CHESTER APB

- **Identifying the common ground**
- **Expert practitioner input to project identification, shaping and delivery / early wins**
- **Supporting the change**
- **Mainstreaming through our individual organisations**
- **Adapting for the future**