

Engaging with the Localism Bill

PAS view

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What we think

1. Not as radical as all that: LDF +
 2. Devil in the detail (and how much of that will there be?)
 1. Resourcing
 2. Policy 'fit'
 3. Role of LPA (inc/especially Councillors)
 3. Keep (relatively) calm and carry on!
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What we know

- Over 390 delegates to events on ‘Neighbourhood Planning’, ‘Larger Than Local’ and ‘Revising Your Core Strategy’
 - Not split evenly – ‘Larger Than Local’ created half the interest of the other two
 - Over 500 (and counting) on viability course
 - All events rated as ‘good’ or ‘excellent’ by over 98% of delegates
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What we know

- New tools
 - New skills
 - New relationships
 - New legislation
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What we know

- Key issues and questions:
 - It's about (more) growth
 - Expectation management – for communities and Councillors
 - 'Technical' questions – definitions, process
 - Resourcing and support – corporate, external
 - Role of Councillors – leadership, relationships
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What we're doing

- New PAS programme being discussed
 - Sector-led and flexible
 - 4 strands – People, Investment, Infrastructure, Productivity
 - Current focus on:
 - ‘A core strategy in 12 months’
 - Councillor briefing and greater engagement
 - Capture the ‘can-do’
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