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Gateway to better Justice Services

Commissioning and the role for Civil Society Organisations

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What does Government aim to achieve?

Programme for Government commitment:

“...to enable [mutuals, co-operatives, charities and social enterprises] to have a much greater involvement in the running of public services.”

Two Key Themes:

1. Achieving the **power shift**, transferring power away from central government to local communities
2. Driving transformative improvements in public service **quality and efficiency**, by improving government’s ability to commission public services intelligently and make better use of all available resources



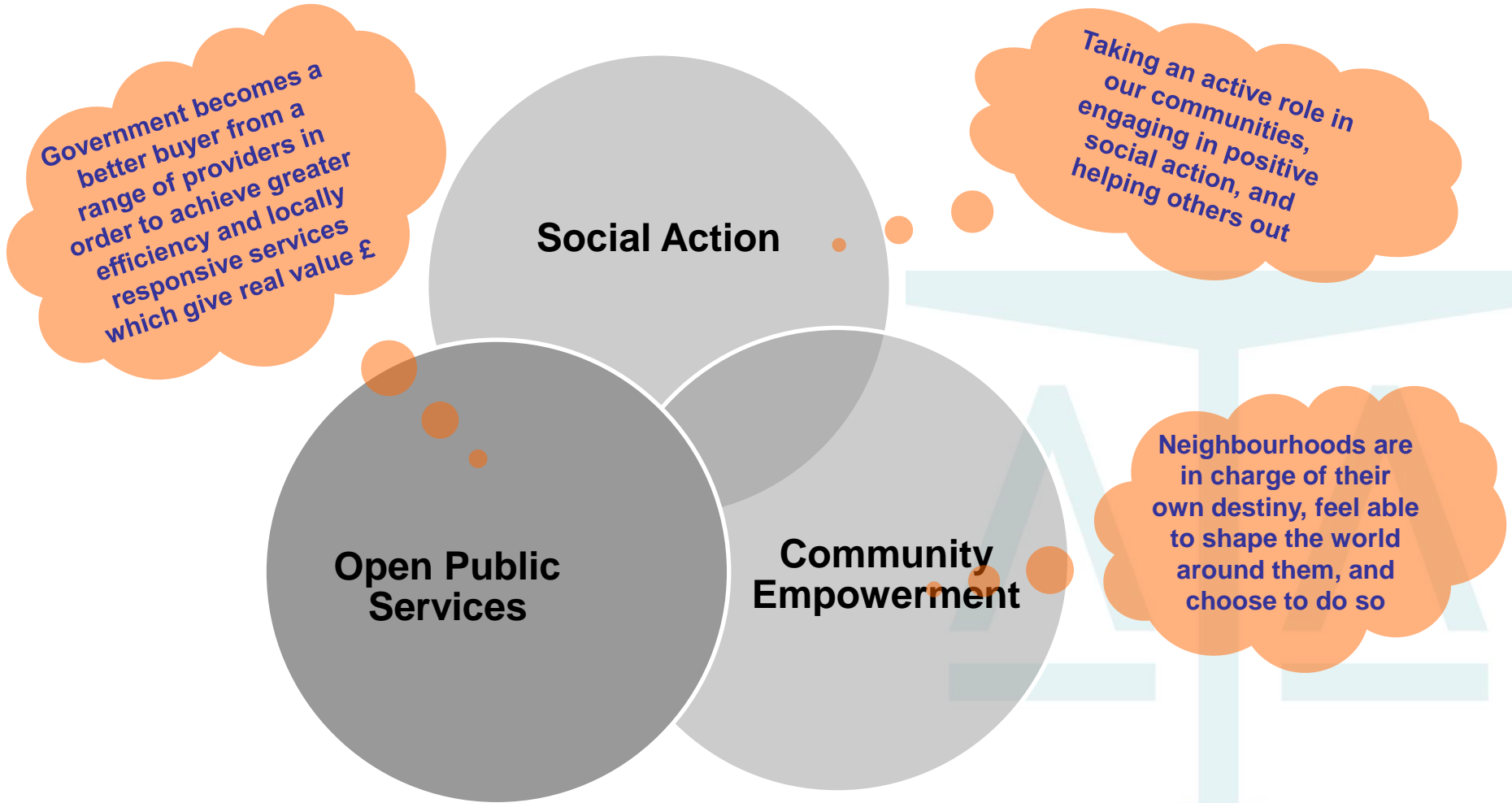
Public Service Reform

- Public good, not public monopoly
- Not everything needs to be done by “us”
- Others have expertise
- Others have access to resources
- Others can add value





How do open public services fit within the wider Big Society?





Benefits of cross sector alliances

- Challenges orthodoxy around public service delivery
- Intellectual capacity
- Innovative service design and delivery
- Breadth and scale of delivery
- Flexibility and speed
- Big society / localism – we can bring it to this agenda
- Risk takers





Plans for 2011-12 and beyond

- Economic and financial imperative to reconfigure public service delivery
- Need to ensure more for less
- Public Services Reform white paper due soon
- Opening up more public service markets
- Tight/loose – local commissioning decisions
- Emphasis on outcomes based specifications and payment by results

