

Community Based Budget Issues: Data Sharing

Purpose

This short review is intended to provide a report to the 24 May meeting of the Community Budgets Political Leadership Group on the subject of issues relating to data sharing in the context of community based budgets.

Scope

The scope of issues to be considered in the report includes:

- The role of data sharing in making community budgets a success
 - Easier/quicker identification of need
 - Better design of interventions
 - More robust tracking of impact
 - Easier to bring in wider range of investors

- The current status of data sharing in relation to community budgets
 - Data we have access to – by agency/issue?
 - Data that we do not have access to – by agency/issue
 - *Examples of good practice and impact this has on performance*
 - Currency of data
 - Granularity of data

- The legal & technical challenges that need to be overcome
 - Key legislation
 - Data confidentiality and informed consent
 - Data sharing agreements – style/format/progress
 - IT systems – Government Connect
 - *Data GM example*

- The culture change that is needed to ensure data sharing
 - 'Dare to share' culture
 - Training in what is available and in what format
 - Central resource/advice point to answer quick questions

- Next steps for PLG to act upon
 - Role for national departments
 - Role for 16 pilot areas
 - Role for other partners – Local Gov Association etc.

Personnel

The review will be led by AGMA on behalf of all 16 pilot community budgets.

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Approach

The suggested approach includes:

1. Review and summarise existing experience (Data GM, Phil Swan, Health sector contact?)
2. Draw out key issues / lessons for community budgets (a) in current pilot and (b) in future extension of scope and numbers
3. Identify areas for further development.
4. Short report (max 10 sides) to May CB Political Leadership Group.

Outline timetable:

Initial meeting	20 th April
Agree terms of reference	21 st April
Interim findings	12 th May
Report agreed	18 th May