

Local Trust
creating
lasting
change

Big Local



What is Big Local?

- 15 year, £220m resident-led programme with 150 areas across England
- managed by Local Trust and funded by the Big Lottery Fund
- builds on local talents and aspirations to create even better places to live now and in the future.

We encourage residents to have greater control over the things that matter most to them; supported by those they trust.



Big Local outcomes

- Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them.
- People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future.
- The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises.
- People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.



Key findings

94% confident plans reflect residents' ideas about what is most needed to improve their area.

94% of those with voting rights are residents and it feels resident-led.

88% feel confident about their ability to help make Big Local happen.

85% agreed Big Local is giving residents more control over what happens in their area.

Read more:

<http://localtrust.org.uk/library/research-and-evaluation/big-local-early-years-evaluation>



People, place, connections

Evaluators said plans identify as most important:

- the people in them (more active, connected, skilled, with raised ambitions and aspirations)
- how places look and how assets are used (place)
- how people are connected (community cohesion, opportunities to come together, more caring and community spirit).

The economy and people's economic wellbeing also feature highly, slightly more so in later than earlier plans.



Core principle: resident control

1. Time & pace

Big Local is about consistently funding an area for (at least) ten years and they know that we won't take it away from them.

2. Willing to take risks

Big Local is built on relationships and trust, not rules and regulations.

3. 'Light touch' and flexible

Small team at the centre, outreach through reps, and specialist providers.

4. Sustainability through making investments & maximising assets

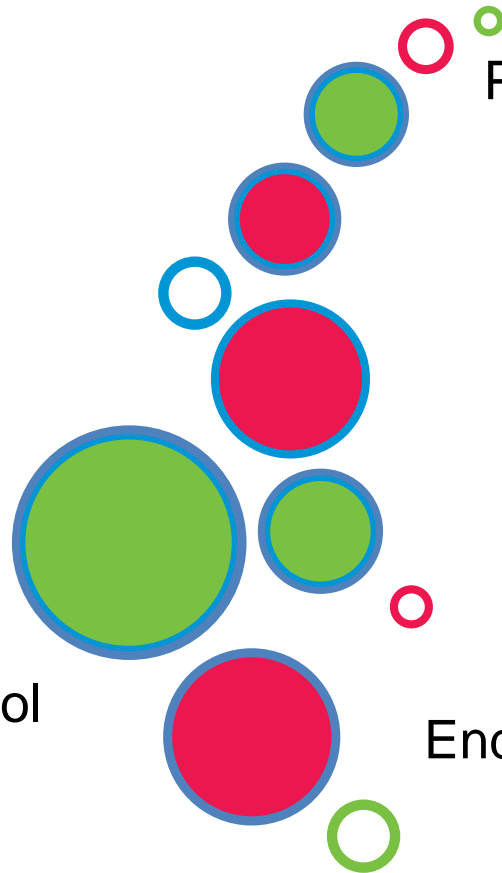
The important thing is to get things done and provide solutions for things to get done. Money is a catalyst – it is a means to an end.

Asset based

Local decisions:

- spend
- timelines
- pace
- organisations
- activities
- impact

Resident control



People - relationships - trust

Light touch

Flexible

Forgiving

Humble

Collaborative

Evolving

Endorsement & checking in

Finally

The evaluators said that in the long-run, just ***the process*** of defining what is needed and coming together to address what is needed, may fundamentally matter perhaps as much as ***what*** is actually prioritised and acted on.





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