



## News 2012 extract....from web site

- **December 2012** A big month for wave two city deals, working with a number of the invited cities - both individually and collectively - and with a couple considering gate crashing the party! This [piece in the Guardian](#) summarises my thinking on the wave two party list.
- **November 2012** The idiosyncracies and incoherence of [government's approach to wave two city deals](#) exposed, and some [big picture considerations](#) to make the most of the wave two opportunities
- **November 2012** A number of new projects this month, together with presentations/facilitation at four interesting and diverse events - Peterborough Manufacturing Forum (8th), Smart Specialisation workshop (16th), Places and Movement conference on 'The economics of place' (20th) and IED Conference on 'new development finance instruments' (27th). Get in touch if you are interested in any further details
- **October 2012** Delighted to be working with LGIU assisting Royal Borough of Kingston with the Norbiton neighbourhood budget pilot
- **October 2012** Participated in the Northern Growth Summit and great to catch up with so many colleagues. Generally an upbeat mood and lots of activity going on although the global economy and national government policy contexts are not particularly favourable to the 'north'
- **September 2012** Undertook a major briefing for LGIU on [community budget pilots](#) - both whole area and neighbourhoods
- **September 2012** The NAO report on RGF and the APPG report on LEP effectiveness tell us quite a lot about how government's approach to local economic growth is playing out. Have a look at my overview(s) [here](#)
- **August 2012** Good to be working with CEME again. Outer East London would really benefit from an industrial growth strategy. [Piece in Guardian](#) sets the scene, but expect more details after the Olympics!
- **July 2012** Attended my first meeting as an Associate of Local Government Information Unit (LGIU). An interesting 'think tank' for the sector at a particularly challenging time. My first contributions include briefings on [elected mayors](#), [town centres](#), and [city deals](#). Hope you find these useful and contact LGIU for the full service.
- **July 2012** Enjoyed my first attendance at Regeneration Leaders Network, where I made a presentation on LEPs. [Check out the slides](#) in the articles section, or come back to me for a fuller narrative.
- **June 2012** Good to see the adoption of the [Cornwall and Isles of Scilly 'growth strategy'](#). Moving on now to work with the LEP on their business plan.