

‘Getting devolution of funding right...’ for local economic growth and development

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Round table discussions on interim report, April 2014

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Purpose and agenda

- To consider the (LGA) case for enhanced localisation of economic growth funding over 2015-20 (and what SEPs/EUSIFs can tell us about this

- Introductions
- Presentation and discussion of CURDS interim report
- Breakout considerations
- Conclusions and next steps



Icebreaker...

- How many LEPs will there be in 2020?
- What will be their defining characteristics (roles, functions, geographies, governance etc)?
- How will the best LAs be engaging with them?



Exploratory propositions report, March 2014



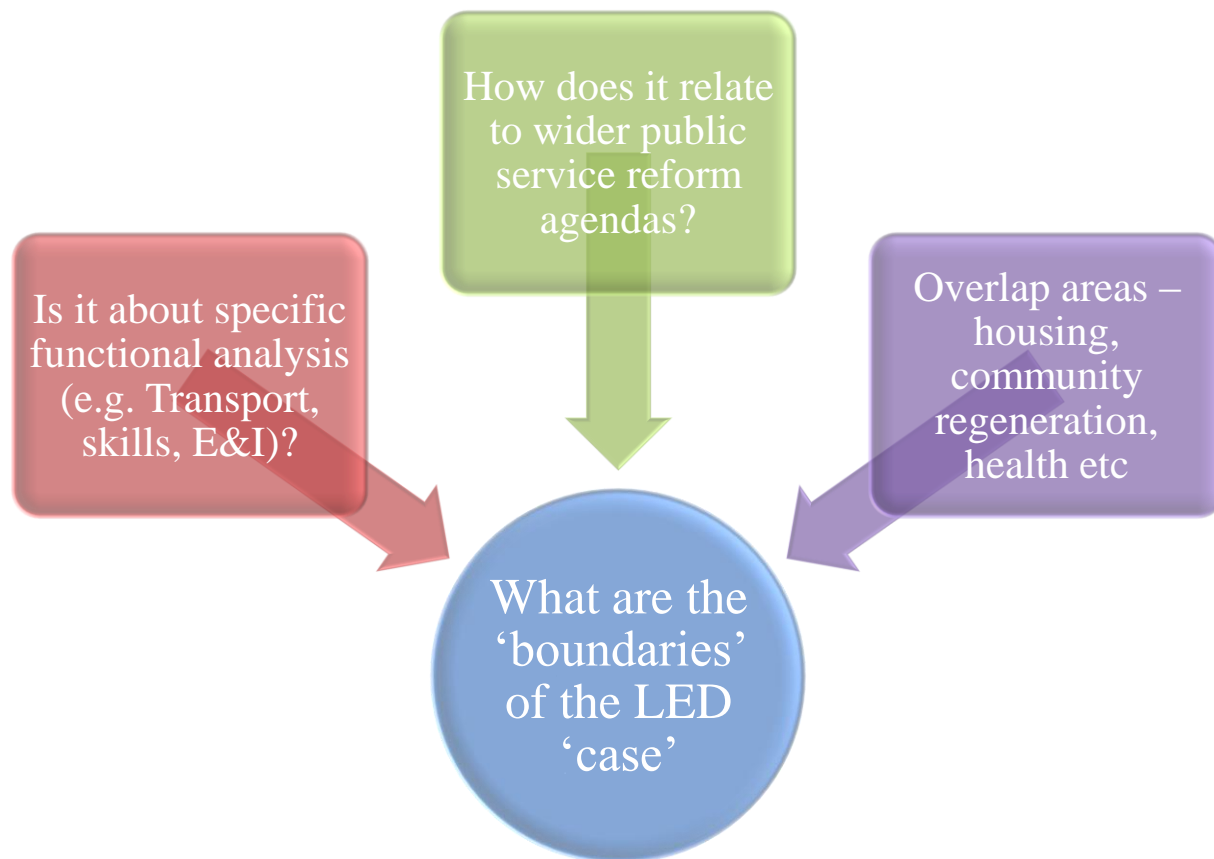
- Task: to "*produce an initial 'straw man' of evidence-based propositions/options that could underpin a set of LGA recommendations for future Local Economic Development policy and practice in England*"
- Through desk research of:-
 - National and int'l models of devolution
 - Review of cases for reform (including LGA 'Rewiring...') currently under development
 - High level consideration of sample of (draft) SEPs/EUSIFs

LGA “rewiring...local growth”, June 2013

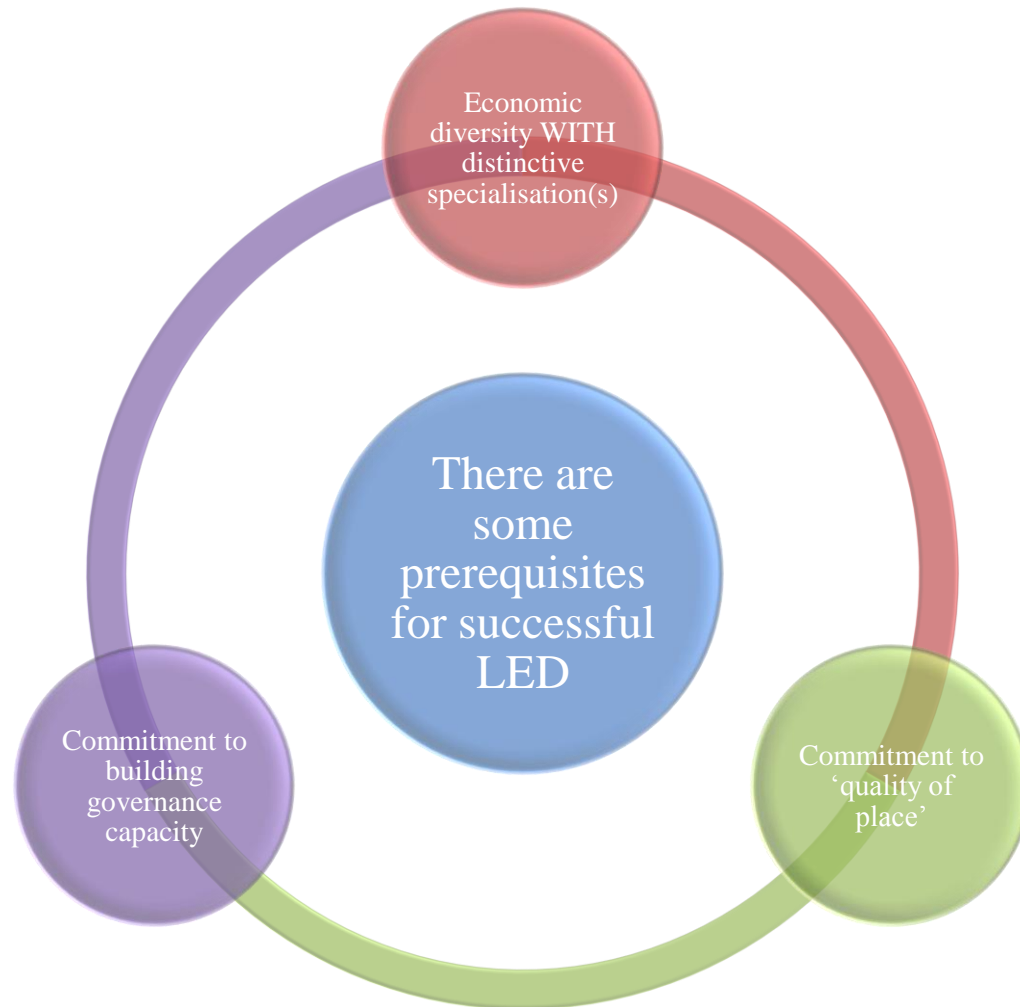
- Four major propositions
 - Local treasury (now rebadged ‘place-based financing’)
 - ‘Growth pacts’ rather than transactional bilateral deals
 - Greater involvement of key players locally (e.g. HEIs, employers etc)
 - Horizontal integration and simplification (cf to vertical silos)



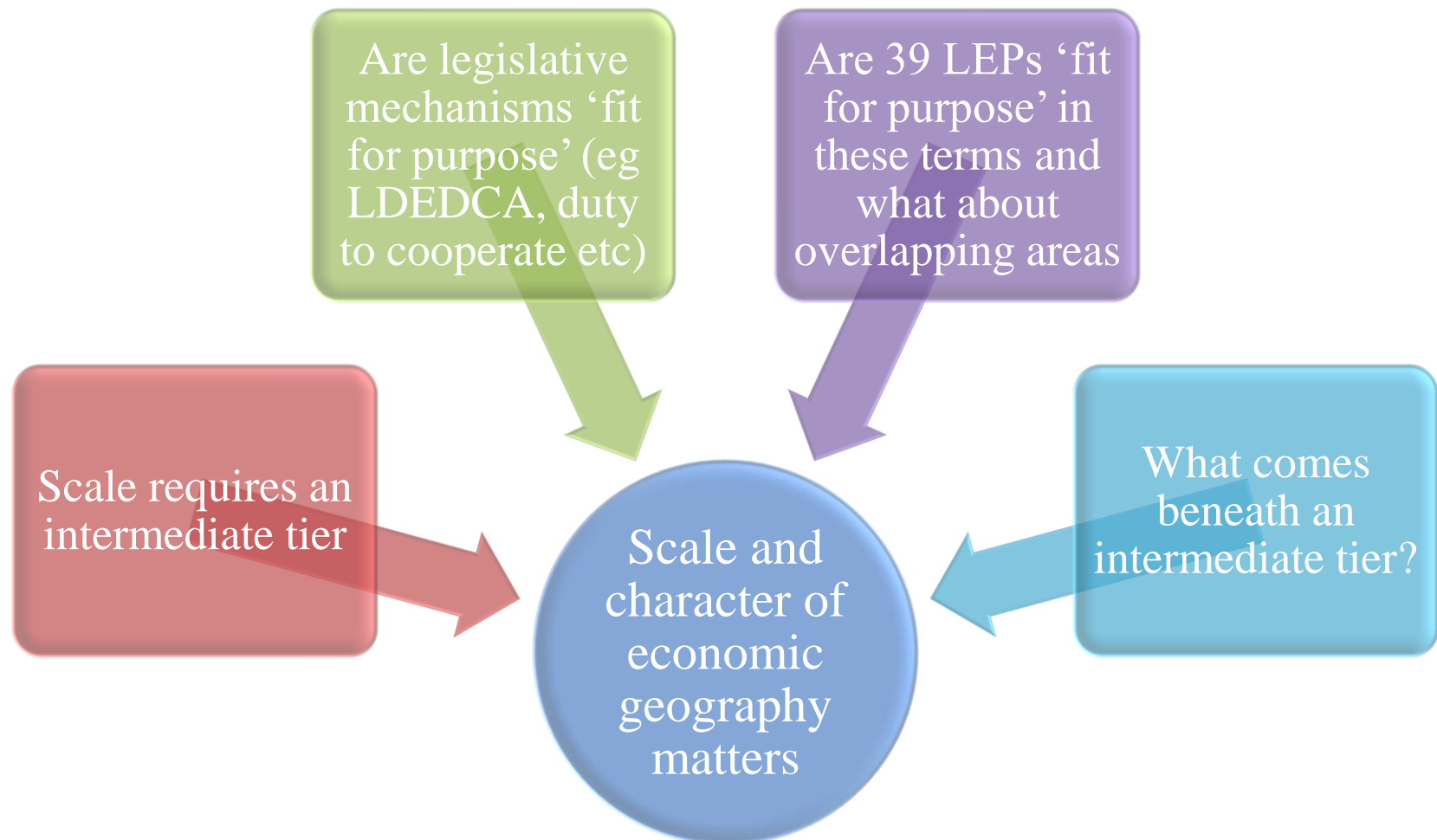
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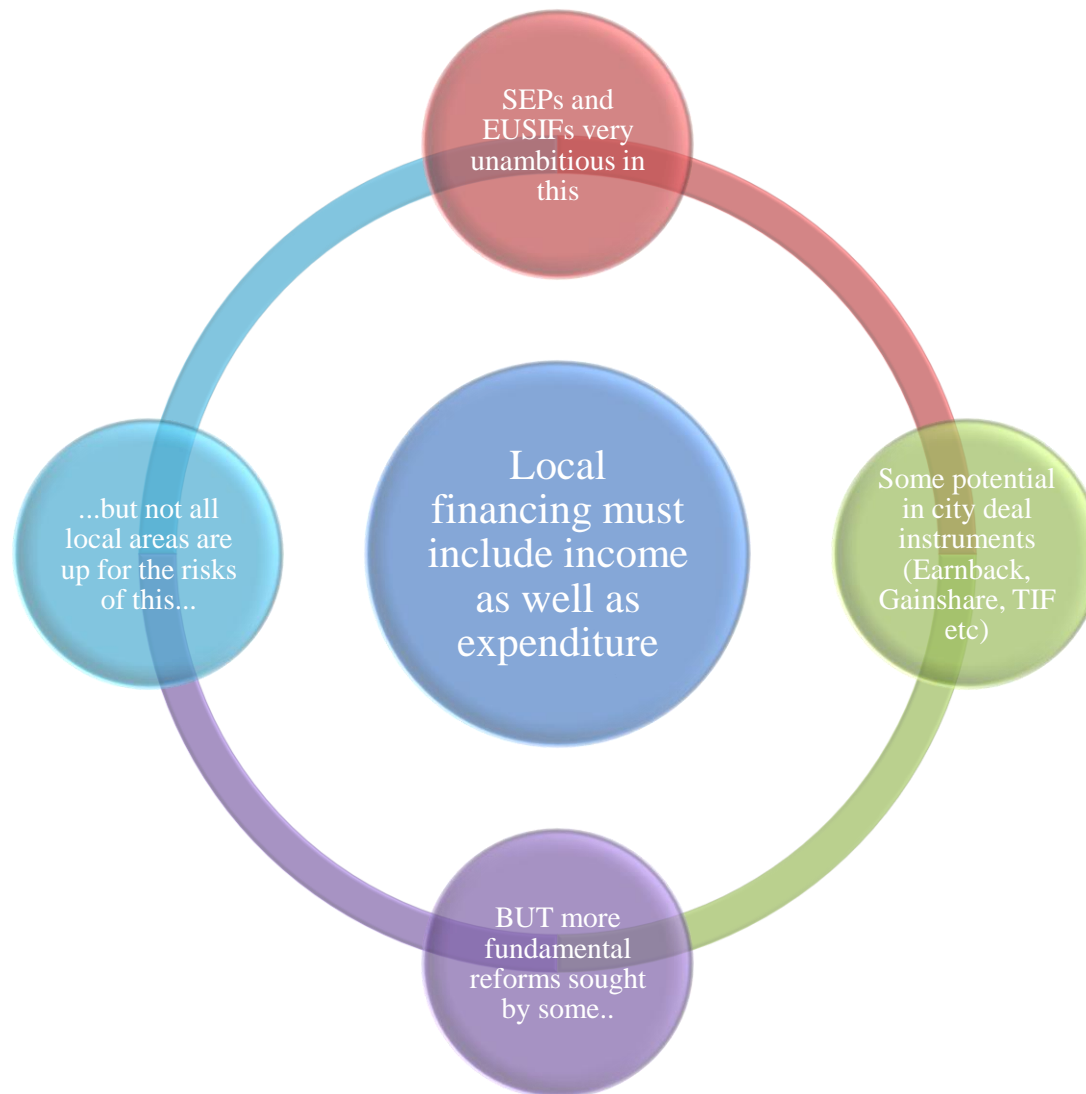
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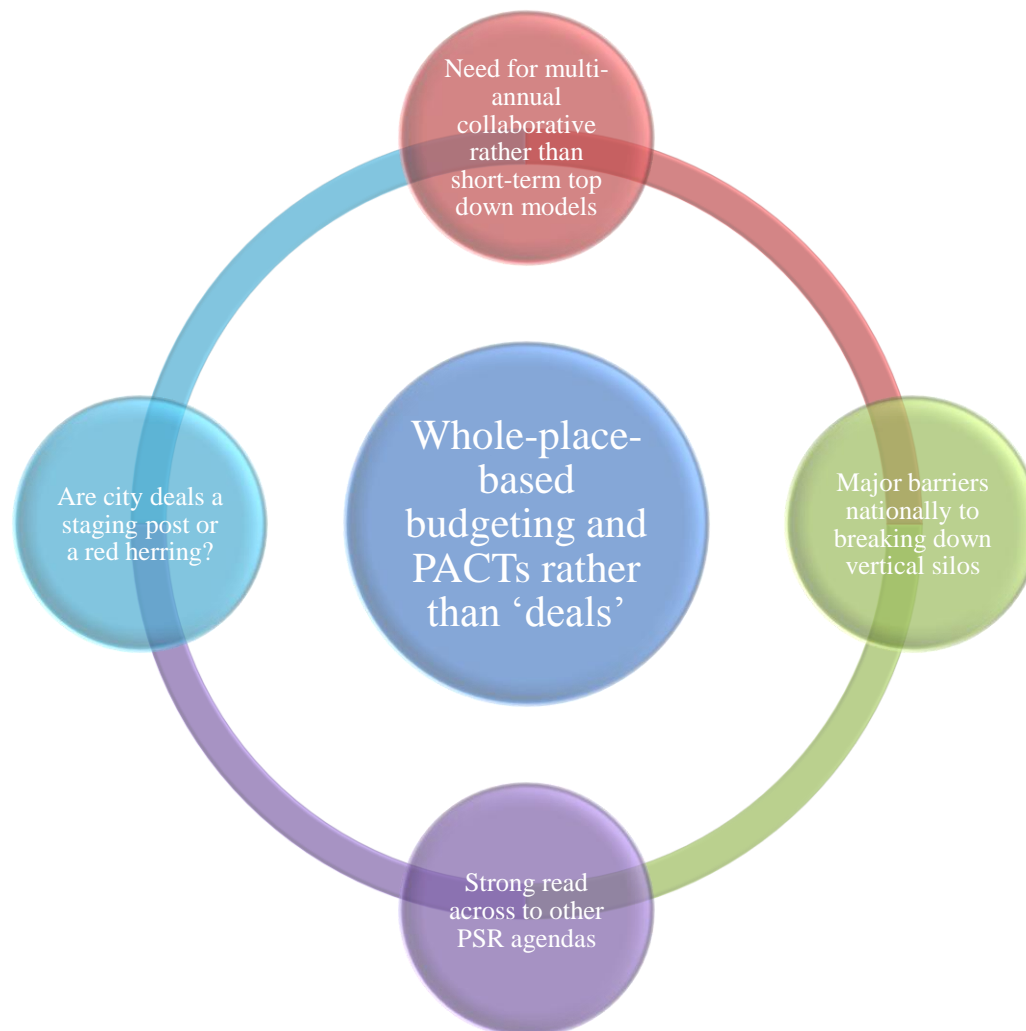
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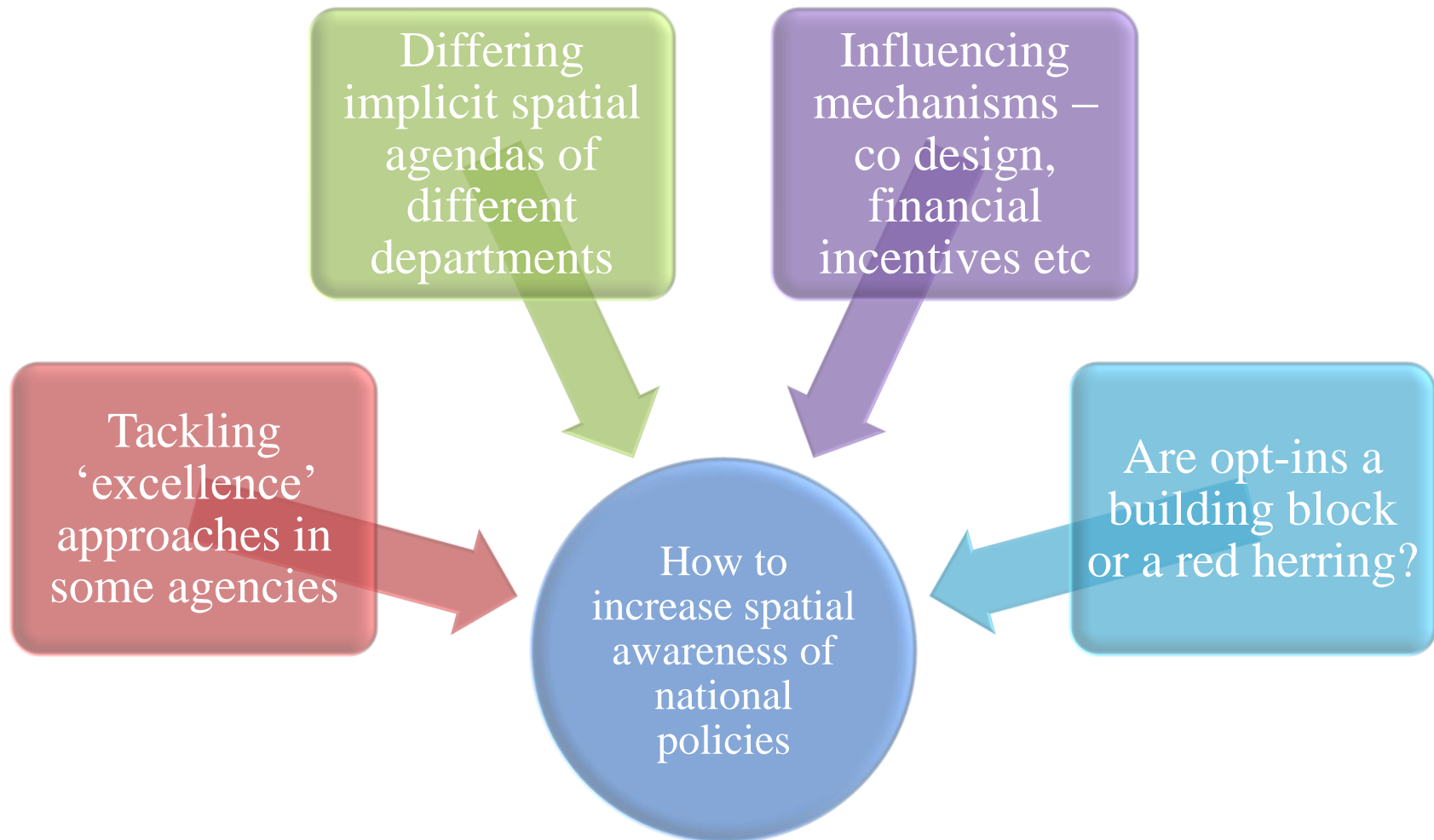
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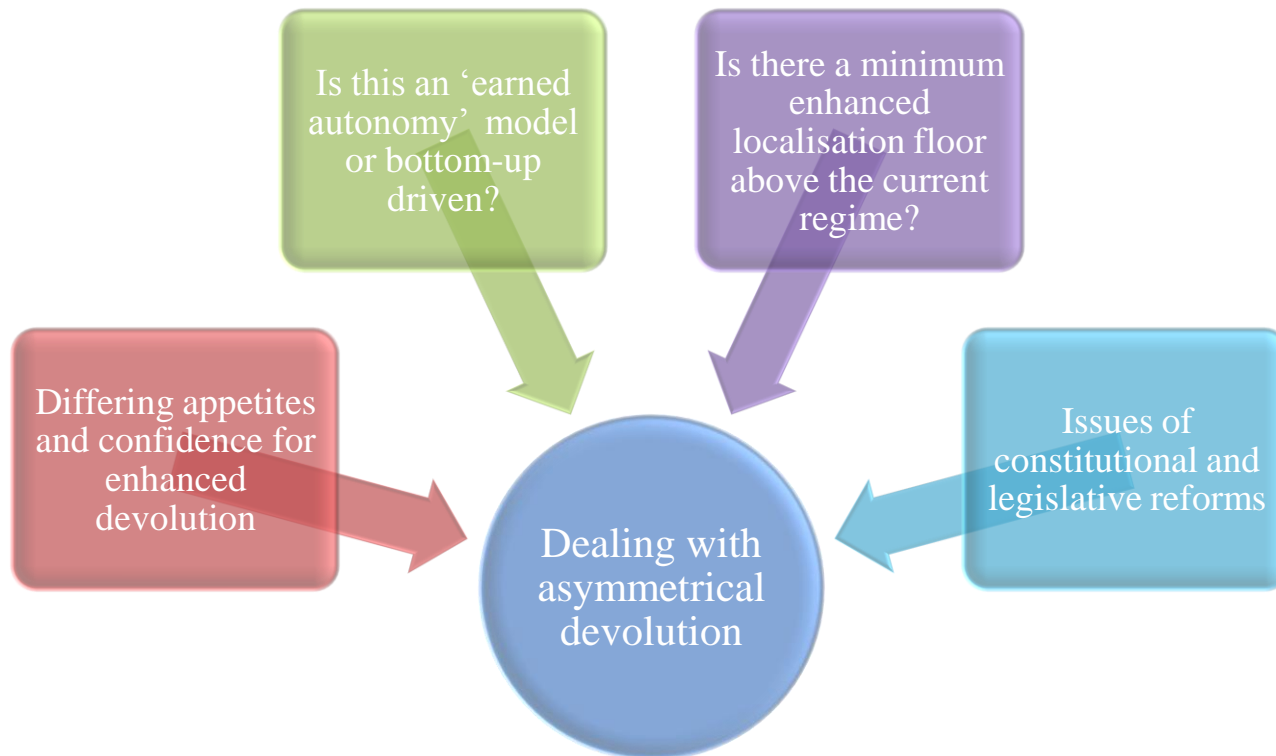
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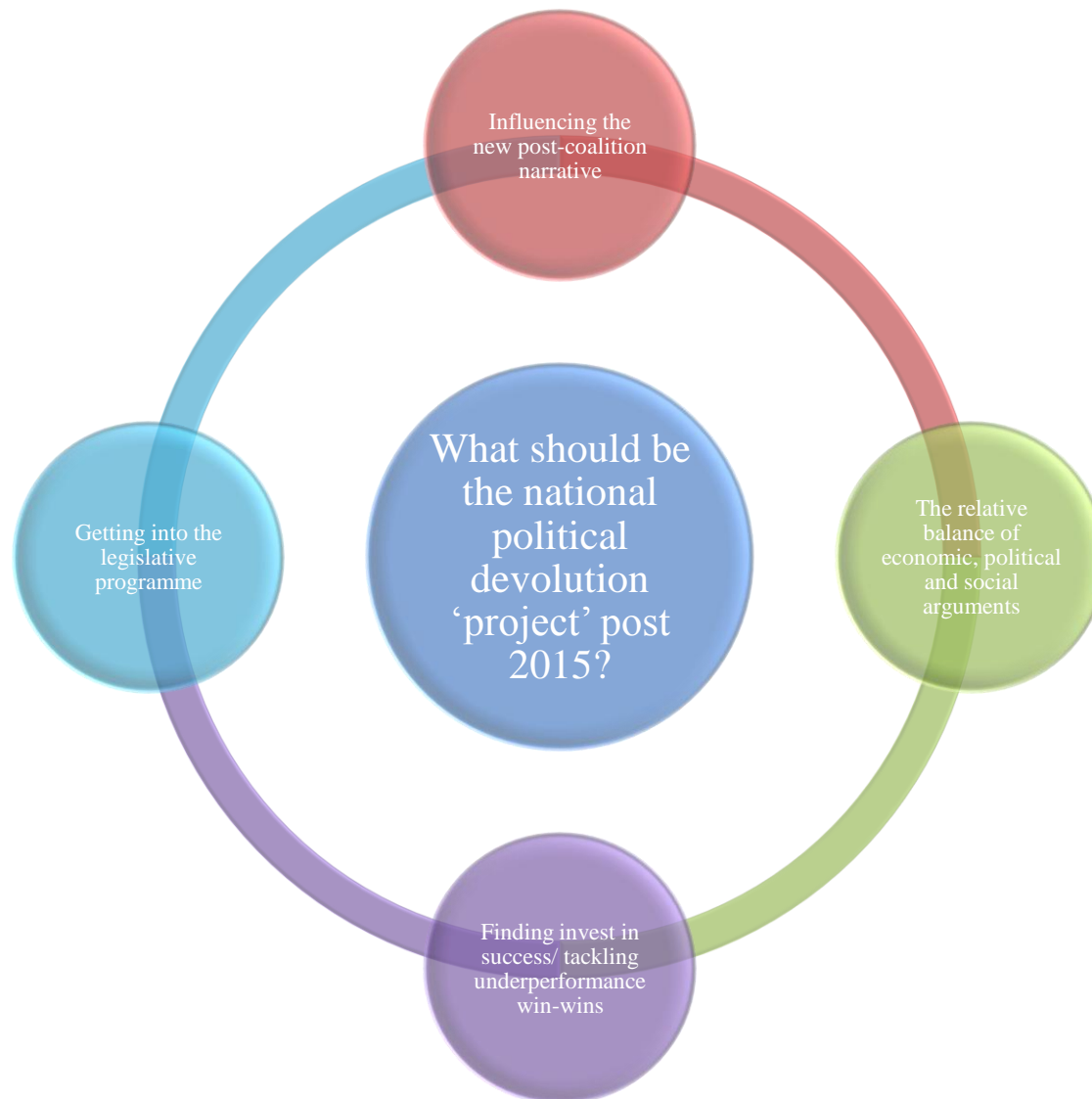
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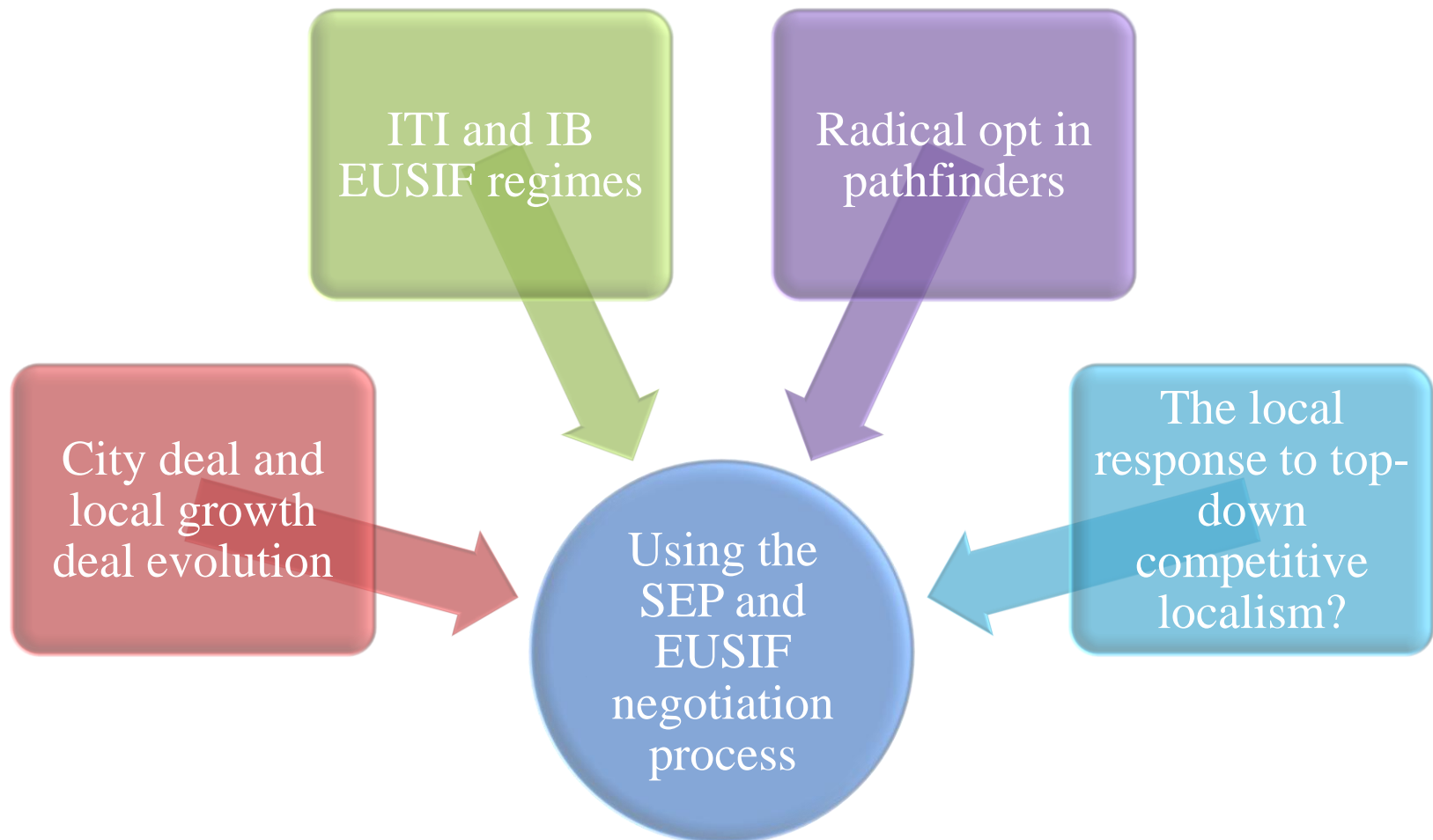
Building the case: Proposition #7



Building the case: Proposition #8



Building the case: Proposition #9



Building the case: Other issues...

Countering the HMT 'zero-sum' game critique

Tackling the winners and losers issues of any enhanced devolution regime

Is LEP evolution also necessarily an asymmetric process, and tackling LEP 'failure'

LA leadership – certainly necessary, but what if it isn't sufficient?

Is this about cities? What about non-metropolitan areas?

Breakout discussions

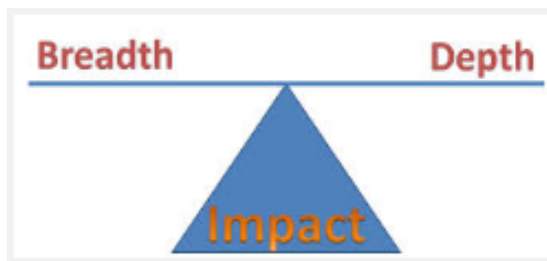
Building blocks and/or step-change



Leadership and governance



Reform strategies – depth and/or breadth



Breaking down the barriers...



Conclusions and next steps...



- **6-7 LA based case studies**
- **Testing existing national policies**
- **Exploring emerging cases for change**
- **Report and presentation to/for LGA in May**
- **Wider deliberations?**