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# Looking For A New England?

## Building A New Settlement For The Cities And The Shires

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# Welcome

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The City Of London Corporation

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# Introduction

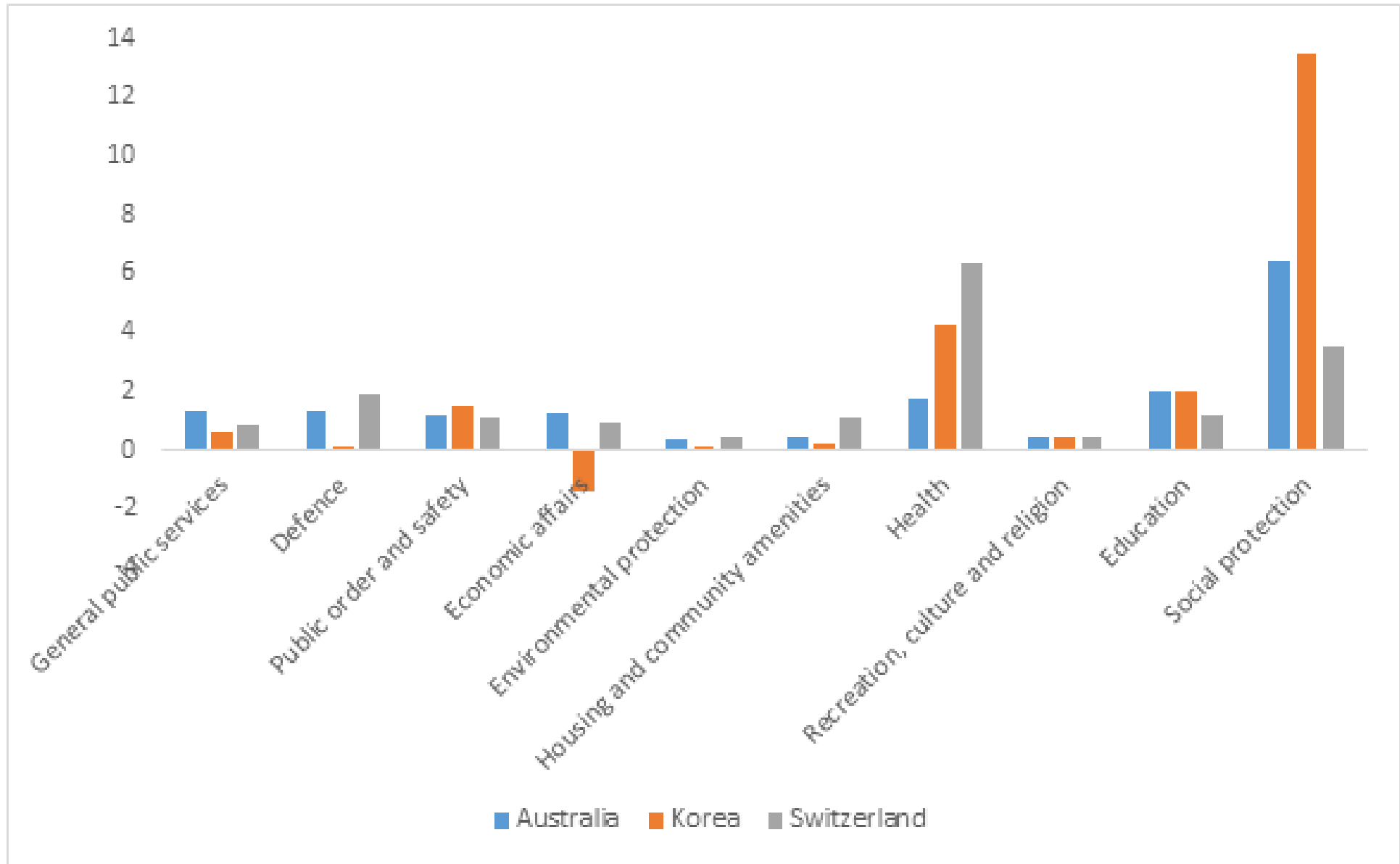
## Looking For A New England?

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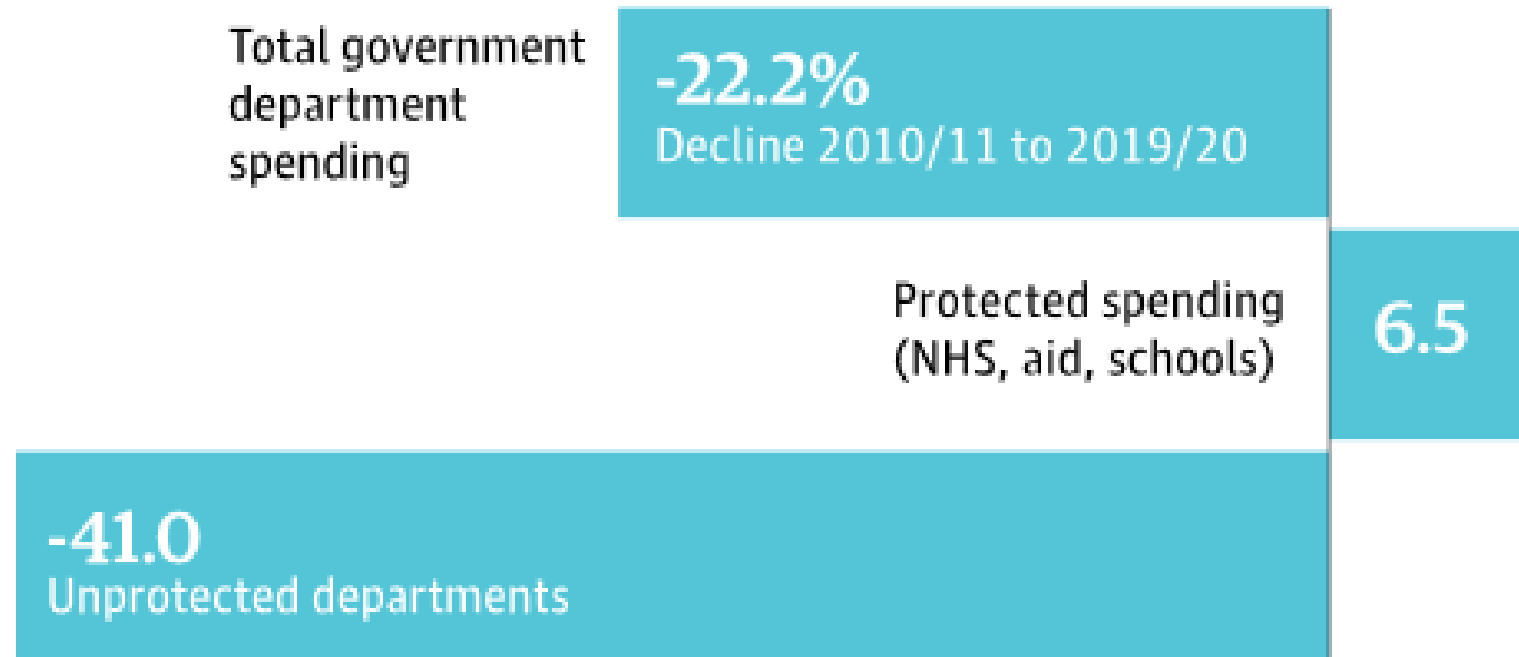


# Joining the 35% club



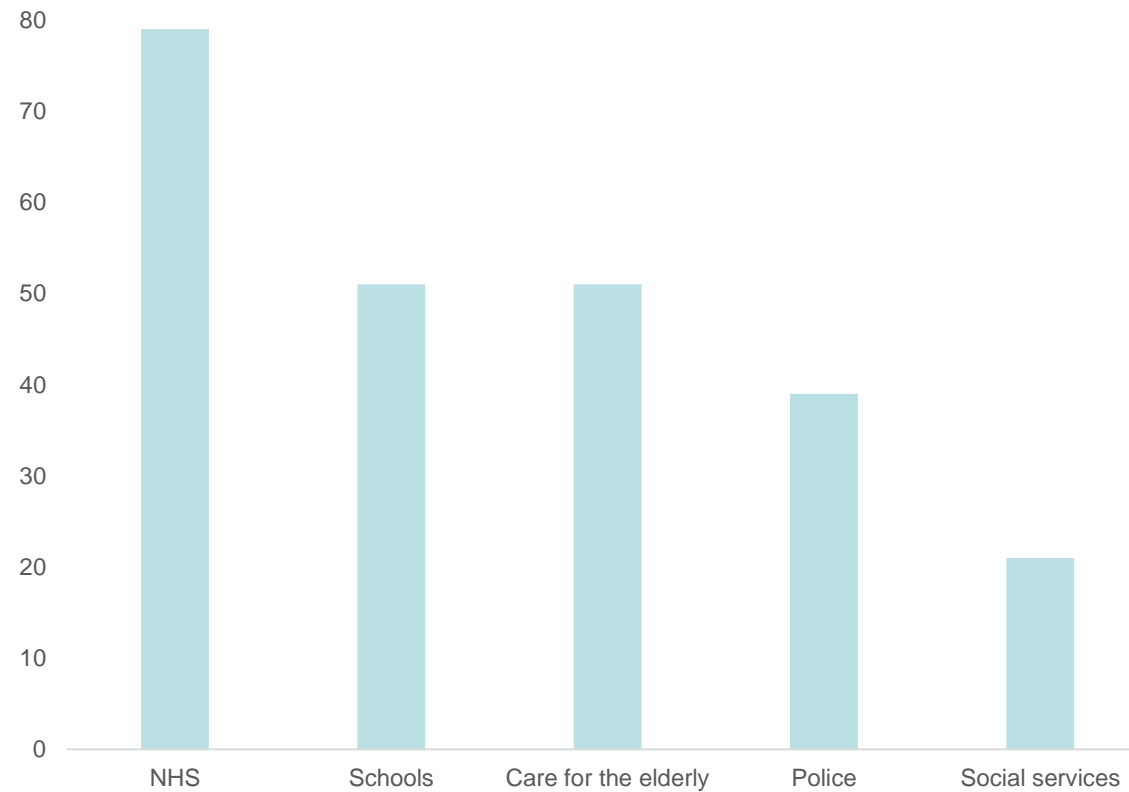
# Some services more equal than others...

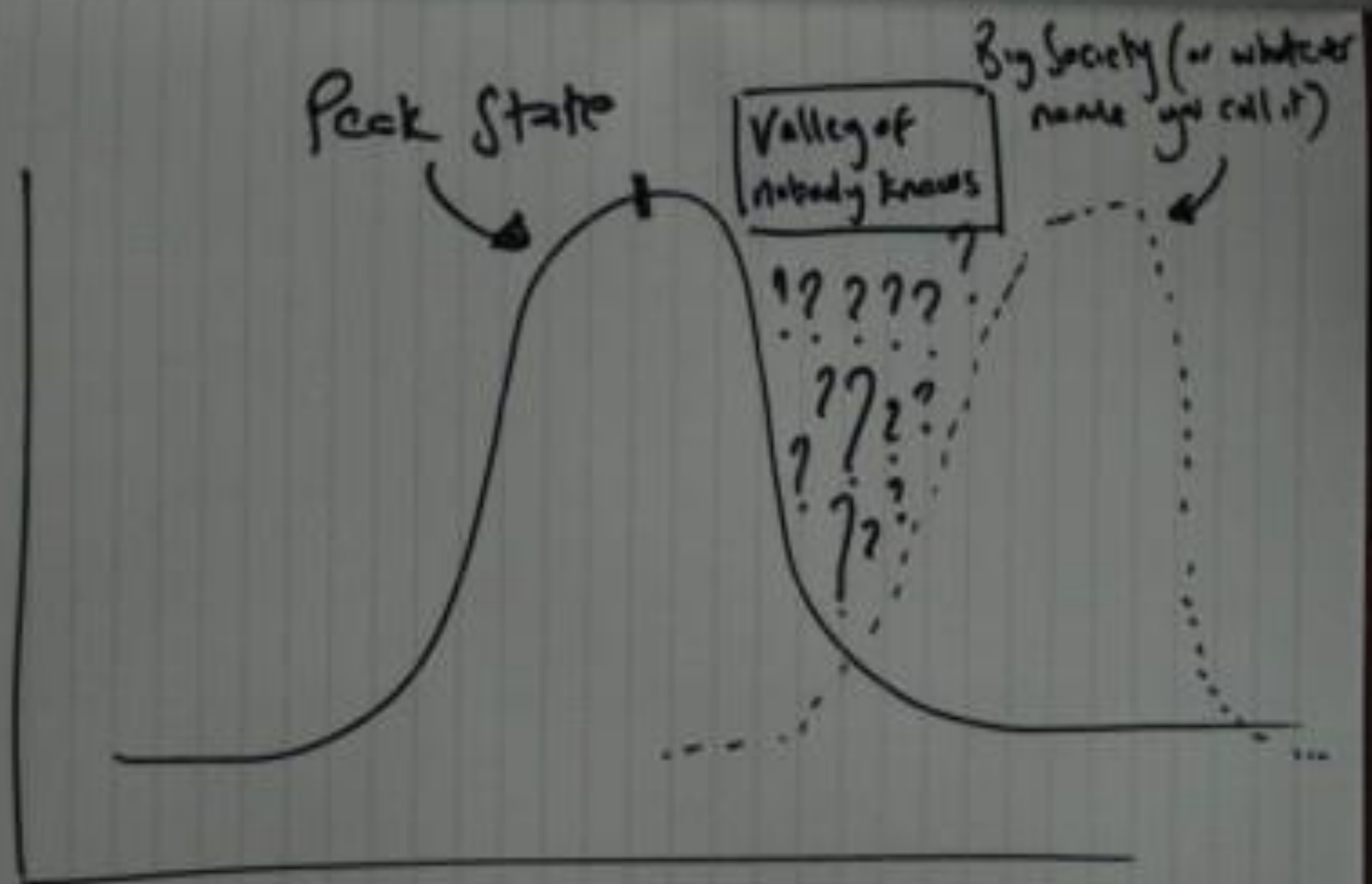
## Government department spending



# Grounded in public opinion

Which services should be spared further austerity?





# Policy doesn't come near scale of the challenge



# Some tentative predictions

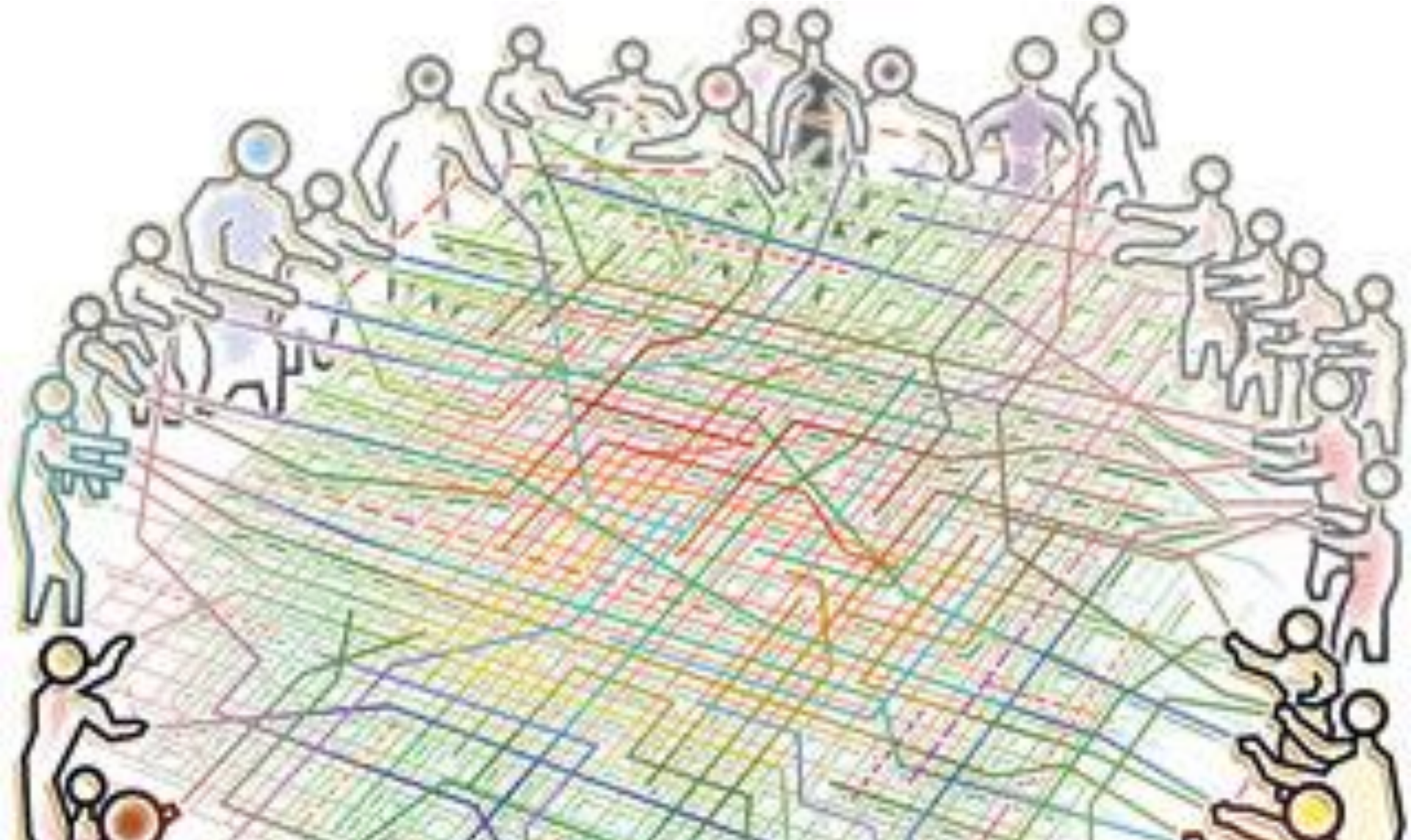
- The most important policies won't be in the manifestos
- The chancellor won't hold his nerve
- More money for health and social care
- Capital spend will become much more important
- Continued march of the combined authority
- Local government mergers
- Increased incidence of low-level crisis in social care
- A council will go bust – what happens then?

## Will there be a game changer?

- Root and branch reform of finance system
- Transfer of social care to NHS
- Devolution of a substantial new funding block

But hard to see how the politics aligns behind any of these...

# Wigan pier or civic commons?



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# Keynote Address

With Q & A

**Clr Sir Richard Leese**  
Leader, Manchester City Council

# Breakout Sessions

## New Deal For The Economy: Livery Hall

### **CHAIR: Emma Burnell**

Head of External Affairs, NLGN

### **Cllr Sir Richard Leese**

Leader, Manchester City Council

### **Dr Max Nathan**

Deputy Director, What Works Centre For Local Economic Growth

### **Cllr Paul Carter**

Leader, Kent County Council

### **Alex Burrows**

Technical Director, Intelligent Mobility Highways and Transportation, Atkins

## New Deal For Public Services: West Crypt

### **CHAIR: Rebecca Creamer**

Networks and Events Manager, NLGN

### **Cllr Jim Dickson**

Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, London Borough of Lambeth

### **Mike Britch**

Managing Director, Norse Group

### **Robert Pollock**

Director, Public Service Transformation Network

### **Laura Wilkes**

Head of Policy and Research, NLGN

# Devolution With Labour

## Panel Q & A

**CHAIR: George Eaton**, Political Editor, New Statesman

**Lisa Nandy MP**, Shadow Minister for Civil Society

**Andrew Harrop**, General Secretary, Fabian Society

**Cllr Peter John**, Leader, London Borough of Southwark

# Devolution With Conservatives

## Panel Q & A

**CHAIR: Simon Parker**, Director, NLGN

**Greg Clark MP**, Minister of State for Universities, Science and Cities

**David Skelton**, Director, Renewal

**Jonathan Isaby**, Chief Executive, Tax Payers Alliance

**Cllr Derrick Haley**, Leader, Mid Suffolk District Councils

**Cllr Philippa Roe**, Leader, Westminster City Council

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# The General Election: What the Bloggers Think

## Panel Q & A

**CHAIR: Emma Burnell**, Head of External Affairs, NLGN

**Mark Wallace**, Executive Editor, Conservative Home

**Mark Ferguson**, Editor, Labour List

**Mary Reid**, Day Editor, Lib Dem Voice

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# Closing Remarks

**Simon Parker**  
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