



The Future of Assessment

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Research question:

How can we design an assessment framework that puts citizen outcomes, accountability and service improvement at its heart?



Why ask now?

Politically

- Political Criticism
- Tory pledge to abolish CAA

Financially

- Limited resources of both central and local government
- Cost of inspections

Structurally

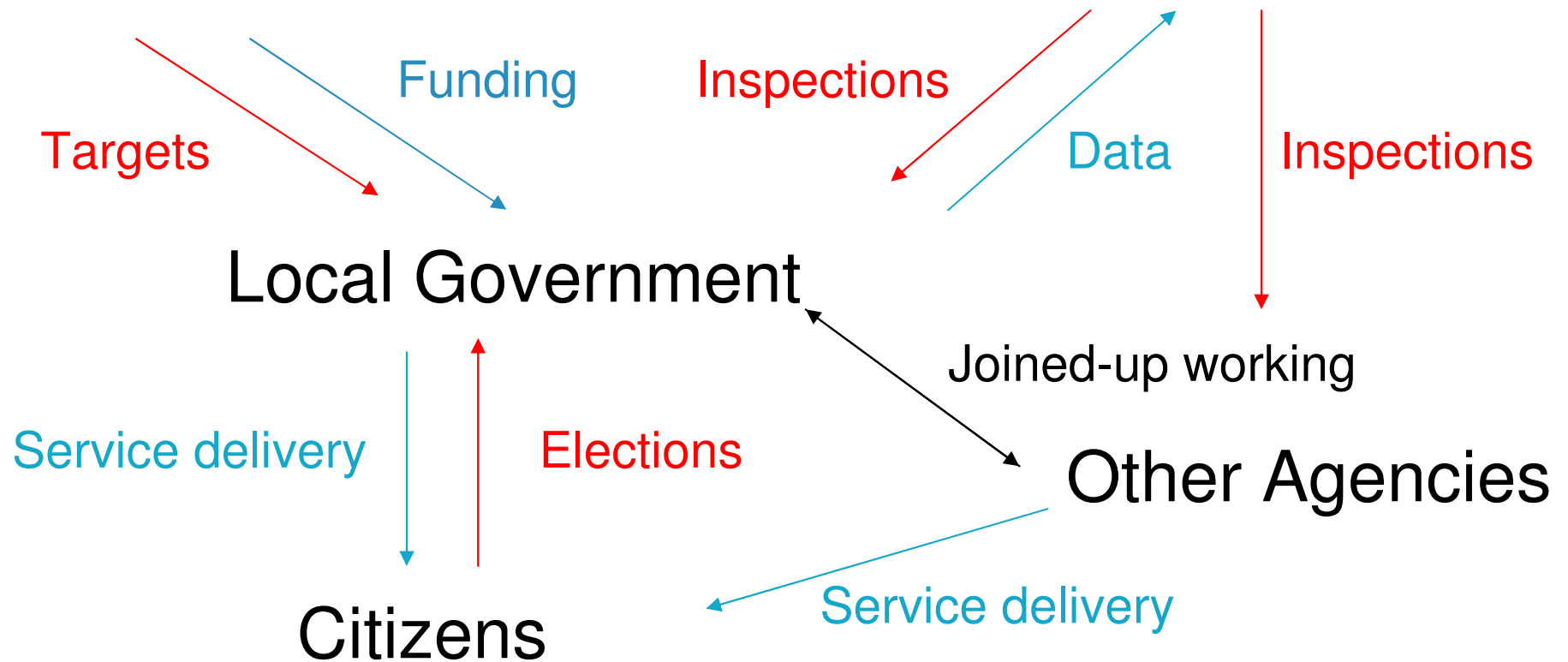
- Total Place
- 1 year of CAA



Key Themes

Central Government

Auditing Bodies



Research Seminar

Themes to explore:

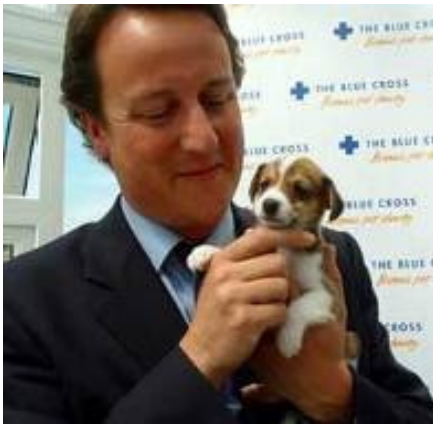
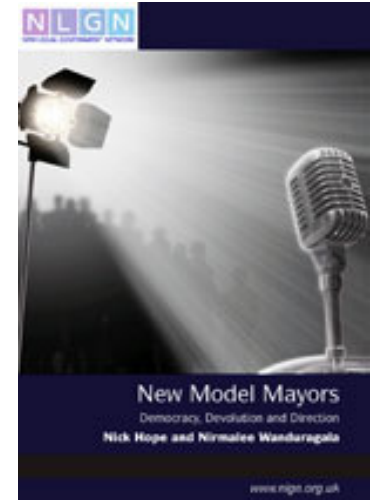
- **Nature of Assessment**
- **Evaluation of CAA**
- **Driving Improvement**
- **Citizens' role**



Outcomes

In the medium term:

- Influence the evolution of CAA amongst stakeholders
- Develop a framework for local government to argue for regulatory or legislative reform



In the long term:

- Develop a campaigning strategy to shape the thinking of political parties
- Feed into reviews and reports of wider audit functions and capability review processes



Research Seminar

Speakers:

- Cllr Richard Kemp
- David Bowater
- Hilary Thompson
- Rob Whiteman



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