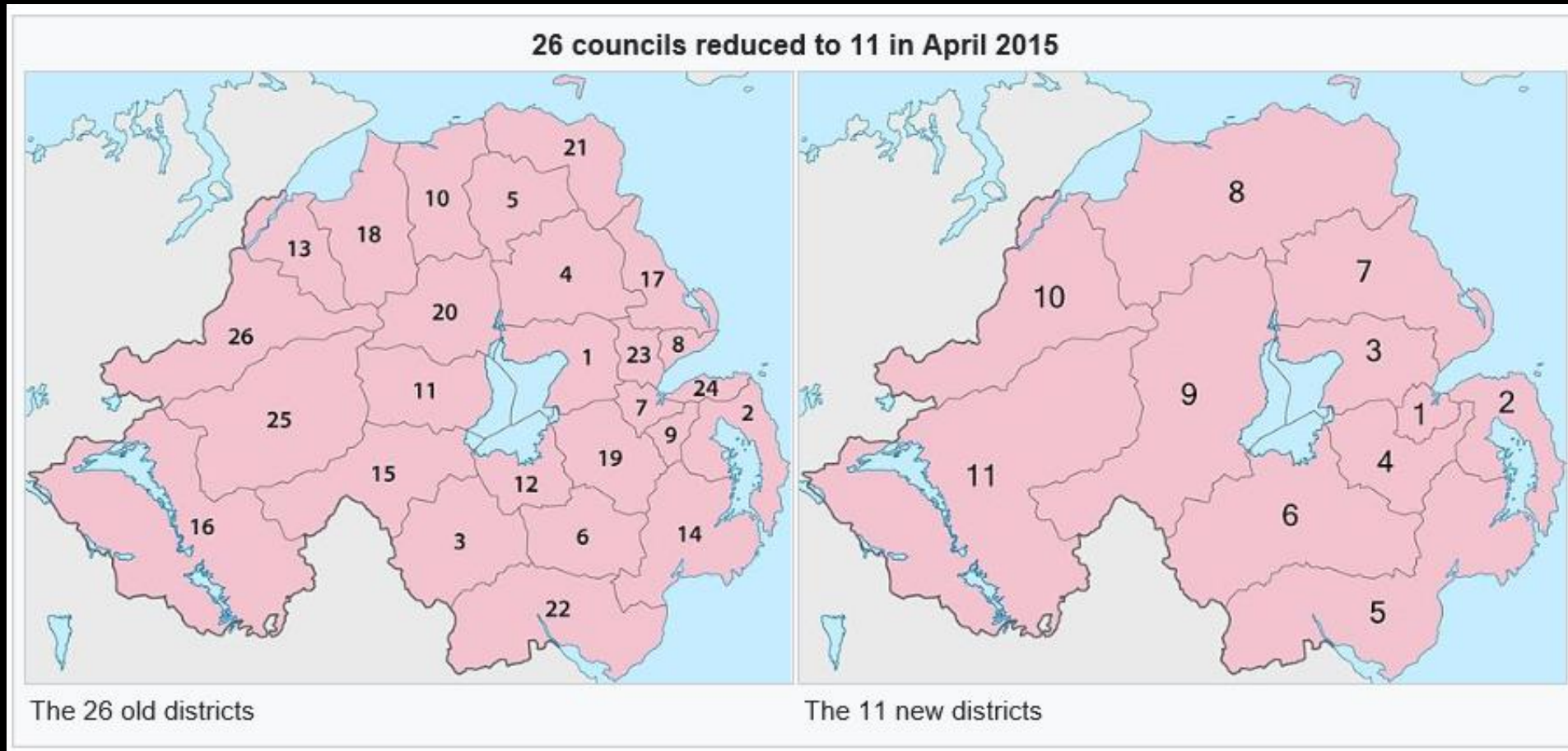


Local Government ICT NI ICT Officers Group

Major Changes to Local Government

- Local Government Reform – 1st April 2015



Council Mergers – Belfast Expansion



- 53,000 residents,
- 21,000 households,
- 1,000 businesses

Transfer of Powers from Central Government

These include:

- Local planning functions
- Off-street parking
- Local economic development

Councils also now responsible for a new **community planning** power.

- Statutory responsibility to work with key partners to improve social, economic and environmental wellbeing.

Spot your Community Plan

1.



2.

Our Outcomes

These are the positive outcomes we all wish to see in our community.

- All people in , get a good start in life and fulfil their lifelong potential
- All people in , enjoy good health and wellbeing
- All People in , from prosperous communities
- All people in , benefit from a clean, quality and sustainable environment
- All people in , live in respectful, safe and vibrant communities

3.

- We prosper in a stronger and more competitive economy.
- We have more people working in a diverse economy.
- Our towns and villages are vibrant and competitive.
- We are better connected through appropriate infrastructure.
- We will increasingly value our environment and enhance it for our children.
- We will enjoy increased access to affordable quality housing.
- Our people are better qualified and more skilled.
- We give our children and young people the best chance in life.
- We are more entrepreneurial, innovative and creative.
- We are better enabled to live longer healthier and more active lives.
- We have better availability to the right health service, in the right place at the right time.
- We care more for those most vulnerable and in need.
- We are a safer community.
- We have a greater value and respect for diversity.
- We have fewer people living in poverty and fewer areas of disadvantage.

4.



What we are not responsible for

- Education
- Social services
- Roads
- Public housing
- Fire service
- Police service
- Trading standards
- Drainage water
- Sewerage
- Libraries
- Street lighting
- Collection of rates
- Transport
- Urban regeneration

Chief Executives Agree – Approach to ICT

Federated/Hybrid. Key features of this approach are to:

- Deliver economies of scale without impeding local responsiveness,
- Recognise the autonomy of each of the newly established councils, rather than subsume into centralised organisation,
- Create a representative governance board charged with making decisions, spreading decision rights across councils,
- Find agreement on which investments are common and should be implemented,
- Make common objectives more efficient and cost effective,
- Improve data sharing and knowledge transfer,
- Retain capacity within each individual council to deliver and maintain local applications & information solutions.

Assumptions of LGR

- Improve service delivery
- Decrease costs
- Make best use of information
- Improve officer productivity
- Manage change
- Improve security & compliance
- Improve customer/citizen focus

Reality - Focus on Merger

- Network connections
- Telephony
- Software and Hardware Contracts
- Server and Storage Infrastructure
- Active Directory
- Email
- System convergence
 - Finance
 - HR & Payroll
- Data Migrations
- Structures and staffing
 - Posts at risk
- IT Assets
- Transferring systems

Common Challenges – Digital Transformation

- Customer Focus
- ICT Security
- HR and Payroll
- Field Service Mobility
- Information Management
 - EDRMS
 - Compliance
 - GDPR
 - Policy

Individual Challenges

- Staffing and Capacity
- Investment Efficiencies
 - Cost cutting
 - Making the most of what we already own
- Project Prioritisation
- Business Intelligence
 - Area-based working
- Broadband Connectivity
- Smart Cities

Ad-Hoc Local Government Collaboration

Delivered

- Regional Tobacco Register – .Net Development
- Business Start-up program – Microsoft Dynamics
- Super-connected Voucher Scheme

Potential

- Regional Planning Portal – Departmentally driven
- Houses of Multiple Occupation – New Licensing scheme
- Off-street Car Parking
- New Gigabit Voucher Scheme

Local Government Collaboration Question

- Is there an emerging Shared Services Agenda?
 - Regional Governance
 - Infrastructure
 - Federation of Identity

Questions?

The other guys have the answers!!!