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Perfect Storm

- Crisis in public finance
- Crisis of democracy
- Crisis of public trust in institutions

Can the Nation State cope?

Globalisation?

Inequality?

Technology?

Work?

Climate change?

Power

- The capacity to bring about change
- Local capacity, knowledge, and expertise are arguably more essential to our success now than ever.

“Cities deal with fluid identity all the time, and we keep it linked to something real and coherent”

Cities are also a good framework for dealing with complexity

Beyond Localism, Beyond Devolution

2011 – Localism Act introduced, as well as Core Cities amendment

October 2011 – Whole Place Community Budget Pilots

July 2012 – First wave of City Deals announced

2013-14 – Second wave of City Deals announced

November 2014 – Greater Manchester devolution deal announced

March 2015 – Devolved health budget deal for Greater Manchester announced

May 2015 – Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill published

July 2015 – Cornwall deal published (first non-city deal)

September 2015 – Deadline for devolution bids 32 were submitted

December 2016 – Amendments to Devolution Bill

May 2017 – Elections for combined authority mayors in 6 city-regions

Devolution, or Democracy?

Participation?

Democracy?

Representation?

Civic identity?

Knowledge

- Leeds City Council – Data Mill and Data Dashboard
- Newcastle – Know Your City
- Open Helsinki

Power

- Barcelona
- Jackson, Mississippi
- Malmo

Finance

- Preston City Council
- Plymouth City Council

Challenges

Where do we go from here?

How do we connect the local, the regional and the global?

Thank you