



## **CIPFA HOUSING ADVISORY NETWORK**

### **TOTAL PLACE: A WHOLE AREA APPROACH TO PUBLIC SERVICES**

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*Total Place: A whole area approach to public services* sets out a new direction for local public services and significant new freedoms from central control. It is based on extensive work over the last year by 63 local authorities, 34 primary care trusts, 13 police authorities and other partners, with more than 70 other local areas engaged in similar work. Together the pilots have a population of more than 11 million people. The pilots have mapped more than £82 billion of public spending in their areas.

Total Place was launched at Budget 2009 as a key recommendation of the Operational Efficiency Programme. It sets out:

New freedoms from central performance and financial controls – further reductions in ring-fences, indicators and burdens for places that agree to deliver improved outcomes and additional savings, through a ‘Single Offer’ for the strongest performing places and an ‘Innovative Policy Offer’ for places with particular thematic strengths. These offers will be co-designed by places and Government and launched from April 2011

New freedoms to collaborate – 11 Total Capital and Asset Pathfinders across the country, support for local partnerships to use pooled individual budgets, and for joint working between local authorities and Job Centre Plus and Primary Care Trusts

New freedoms for places to invest in prevention – trialling the first social impact bonds, repeating the Community Cashback scheme, and developing Neighbourhood Agreements to support safer neighbourhoods

New freedoms to drive growth – including devolution to regions, cities and localities to drive growth and inclusion through the recovery, and new flexibility for places to shape spending on skills

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