Community Housing Cymru

Brexit: Regen, Regions and Relationships...

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Context

- The changing nature of decision making in Wales
- The importance of strong local relationships
- Brexit: Deal or No Deal
- The Internal Market Bill
- Shared Prosperity & "Levelling Up"

Internal Market Bill

- What is it?
 - Mutual Recognition & Non-discrimination
 - State Aid
 - Investment Powers
- Has anything changed?
 - Ping Pong
 - Common Frameworks & managed divergence
 - But...

Internal Market Bill

- Why does it matter?
 - Devolution settlement
 - Inter-governmental relations
 - Implications for decision making

Shared Prosperity Fund

- Spending Review confirms £220m for 2021 pilots
 - "Not a penny less" pledge
 - UK Government administration
 - Skills and infrastructure focus?
- Levelling Up Fund
 - £4bn, UK-wide fund
 - Infrastructure investment
 - Support of local decision makers key

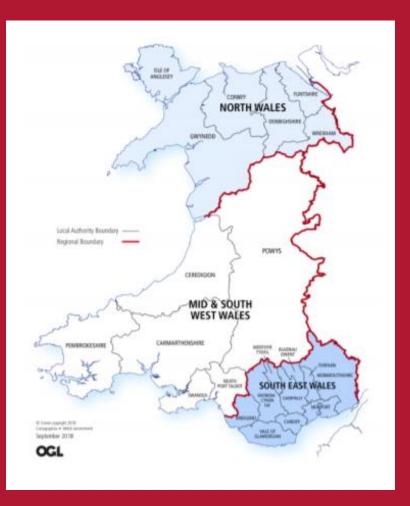


Wider Policy Developments

- Competing views of economic development
 - Wellbeing vs. Jobs?
- The changing face of town centres and who makes decisions over their future?
- Role of City & Growth Deals in economic recovery
- PSBs, the Foundational Economy & Municipal bonds

Influencing Regionally

- Regional relationships and structures likely to become more important
- Local politicians could have greater influence on investment
- Significant tension between central, local and devolved governments
- Potential to drive competition within and between sectors
- Collective positioning will be important on key issues



Discussion

 What risks and opportunities do new regional relationships present for housing associations?

 Which policy barriers may new regional funding opportunities help us to unlock?

 What support does the sector need to make the case locally and regionally?

Next Steps

- Influence with Impact
- Senedd Election 2021 Home Campaign
- Post-election discussions



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