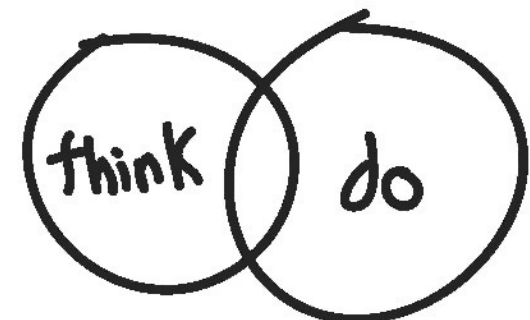




Centre for Local Economic Strategies

Worklessness, Worklessness Assessments and the Work and Skills Plans

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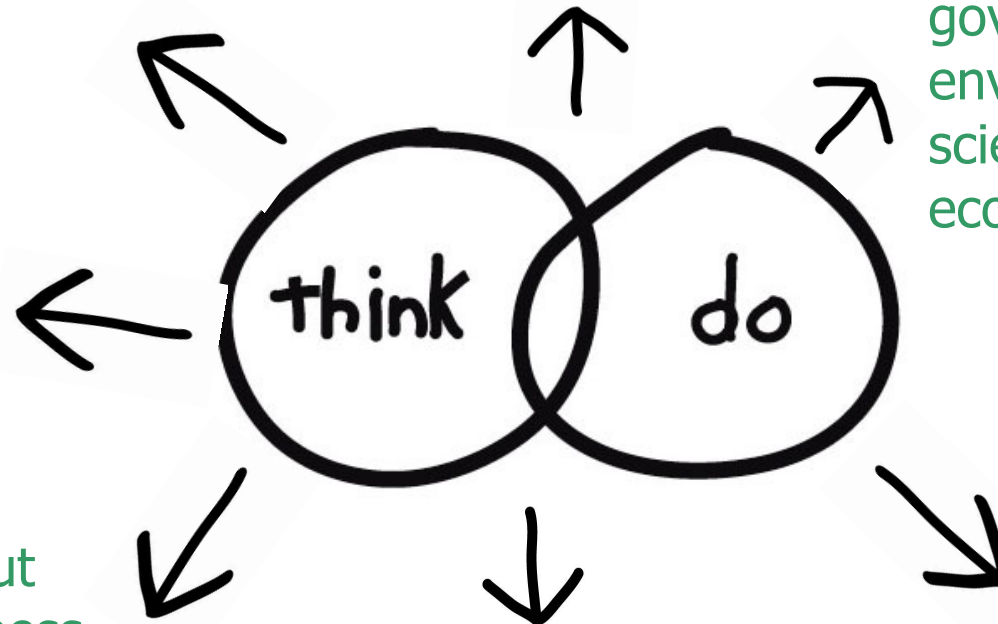
What is CLEES?

Established 1986

Independent charity. No commercial sponsor or government grants

20 staff: planners, geographers, local government, environmental scientists, economists.

Leading UK member org for research into Economic development



Economic development but with social fairness and within limits of environment

UK, but also work in Europe and beyond!

Hybrid; research, consultancy, members



Local Economic Assessment Network

- Purpose of the Network is to provide capacity building and peer learning opportunities for practitioners involved in producing Local Economic Assessments

- Action plan in place: Intend to:
 - Hold theme specific workshops
 - Effective consultation (July)
 - 'How to' briefing papers
 - Undertaking LEA at functional geographical level (May)
 - Gathering and sharing Local economic Data (July)
 - How to deal with the recession in the LEA (Sept)



Local Economic Assessment Network

- Action plan in place (continued):
 - Bespoke query service
 - Advocacy role with central government
 - Provide best practice resource
 - Website to be set up backed up with member material and CLES research

- Network is intended to be practitioner driven

- Aim is to complement any other local assessment activities. But.....
this is your network!

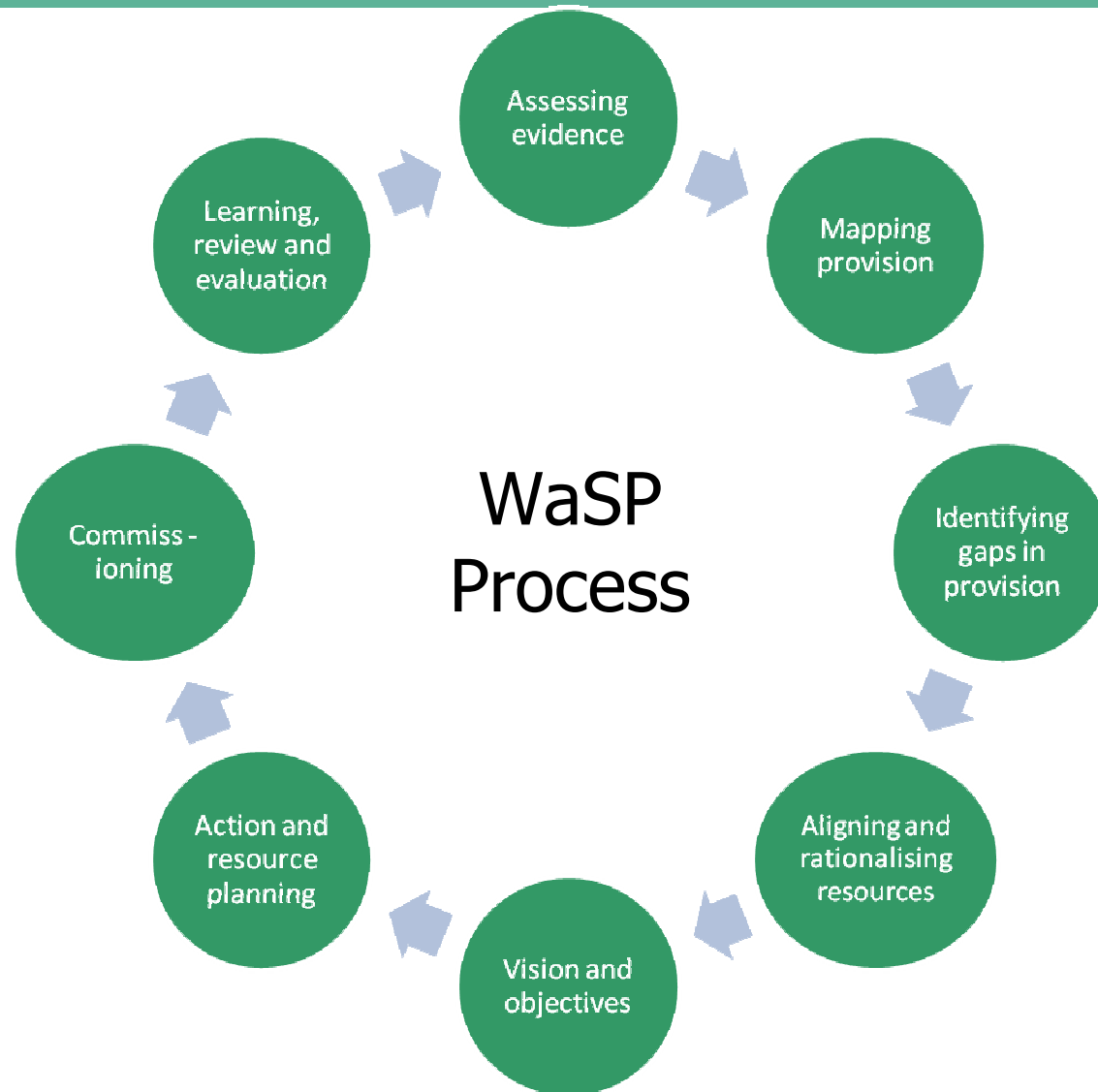


Work and Skills Plan Guidance

- All councils involved with the Future Jobs Fund should now have their Interim WaSP in place – full WaSP in place by 2011 following the completion of the Worklessness Assessment
- I&DeA recently released guidance for how to take forward the Work and Skills Plans



Work and Skills Plan Guidance





Task and Discussion

1. Identify the headline issues driving worklessness in your area's
2. How are your authorities planning on conducting the Worklessness Assessment
3. How will WaSPs be developed and used to tackle worklessness in your area's



Ongoing support from CLEES

- More information or clarification?
- Have idea's for area's the network should concentrate on
- Friendly, free advice/information
- Membership – CLEES support/publications/views
- CLEES Summit

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