

Achieving Efficiencies and Effectiveness

Theresa Grant
Acting Chief Executive, Trafford Council

Outline



- Current challenges for local government
- Transformation activity in Gtr Manchester
- Achieving efficiencies and effectiveness via AGMA's Improvement and Efficiency Programme
 - Collaborative improvement
 - Smarter Procurement
- How supply chain organisations can support local authorities to achieve efficiencies and effectiveness

Current challenges facing local government



- Delivering more for less increasing expectations –v- reducing budgets
- Retaining key staff whilst reducing headcount
- Maintaining staff morale and motivation
- Drive Public Service Reform pan public service integration
- Demographics planning for future demand in a changing population

Challenges contd/....



- Affordable housing
- Localisation move decision making closer to the Community
- Ensuring real local employment opportunities for local people
- Providing strong & appropriate Leadership in turbulent times

Transformation in Greater Manchester



- Good track record of working collaboratively to achieve transformation in AGMA:
 - Combined Authority
 - Manchester Airport
 - GM Waste Disposal Authority
 - Total Place Pilots
 - Community Budgets
 - Improvement and Efficiency Programme
- Increased partnership and cluster working across authorities
 - Manchester/Salford
 - Trafford/Wigan/Stockport HR & Payroll system
 - Bolton/Wigan ICT system



LOCAL AUTHORITY CLUSTERS

Customer Care, Procurement processes, Legal, SAP, Training (Manchester / Salford)

> HR /Payroll — 'SWiTch Project' (Wigan, Trafford, Stockport)

Payroll (Tameside / Bolton and Bury)

Asset Management Joint Venture (Stockport, Wigan – Trafford currently reviewing business case)

Strategic Alliance – Construction Framework (Trafford / Stockport)

facilities and sundry environmental services

Animal Health & Welfare (Oldham / Trafford / Tameside)

Pest Control (Bury / Rossendale)

Joint Procurement of ICT Managed Service (Bolton and Wigan)

Shared Procurement Team (Manchester & Bolton)

GM Highways Efficiency Programme and The National Pilot Programme

DataGM – Data observatory bringing together public data in one place

GMRAPS – Collaborative Permit Scheme which will have a central TfGM administrative team and 10 LA operational teams – permit system progressing (self funding)

Traffic Signal Maintenance
Collaborative procurement of a 15 year
traffic signal maintenance contract
undertaken by Manchester as Lead
District for AGMA – contract started June
2011

Authorities.

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) — Collaborative work on BSF / Asset Development / Admissions and Pupil Place Planning (Salford/ Wigan)

Computer Audit Services – led by Salford CC – accessed by authorities across NW.

Audit, Insurance, Legal, Accounting
Systems
Lead Authority Services (Wigan/GM Fire)

Street Lighting Connections – collaborative procurement to provide electrical service connections led by Wigan involving Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside. Warrington have responded positively to this opportunity.

Blackpool Council Payroll Shared Service

- Chorley and Fylde District Councils are
utilising this.

Oldham/Rochdale (Contact Centre, ICT, Channel Shift, Legal, Highways, Out of Hours, Environmental Health, Libraries, Audit).

School Admissions survey initiated by Bury Council.

Salford CC / Salford Royal NHS
Foundation Trust — Discussions have
taken place about establishing a shared
Occupational Health Service.

Salford CC / Manchester CC – partnership re ICT and Legal Service

Salford CC / Salford Royal NHS
Foundation Trust – opportunities to use
the Salford CC's call centre and/or
underpinning technology, shared
approach to IT helpdesk.

Salford CC / Salford Royal NHS
Foundation Trust / Manchester CC –
Salford CC's ICT Services planning
collaboration projects directly with
Manchester CC and Salford Royal NHS
Foundation Trust.

Salford CC / Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust – investigation of opportunities to align locality model and community services Salford CC / Manchester CC – Review of depots and sharing agile space methodologies.

Occupational Health Outsource – shared provider between Trafford and Wigan (Health Management)

Wigan Council / Salford CC – to provide a joint ICT support to a Joint Schools

Management Service.

Norfolk Property Services (NPS)
Partnership Group (i.e. estates and facilities management) – Wigan, Trafford and Stockport.

Oldham and Rochdale share a strategic partner (Mouchele) who deliver transactional back-office services, plus contact centres.

Pest Control (Oldham / Tameside)

Demolition Expertise (Tameside / Bolton)

SAP Review (Trafford, Stockport, Manchester and Salford)

Wigan Council and Ashton, Leigh & Wigan PCT sharing a Chief Executive Officer

Back Office Benchmarking on Key Indicators (Oldham, Wigan, Stockport, Trafford) •A•G•M•A•

Occupational Health Services – Tameside, Trafford and Wigan exploring opportunities for joint working.

Treasury:
Resource Management (Oldham /
Tameside)
Fraud work (Manchester, Rochdale and
Warrington)

AGMA; as part of the Chief Internal Auditors Fraud Group looking to join together to improve computer aided proactive work.

Tripartite Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

ICT Shared Data (Manchester / Tameside)

Drug and Alcohol Managers Collaboration

– discussions around joint procurement
opportunities

LGIU – Cluster of authorities discussing discounted membership deal

Cashless Catering for Schools for NW Authorities – Warrington Lead/Wigan

Salt Barn (winter gritting) -Trafford/ Manchester

GM Authorities' Health & Wellbeing Board Co-ordinators sharing best practice on establishing Health & Wellbeing Boards

AGMA's Improvement & Efficiency Programme



- Launched in October 2008 to secure 'substantial efficiencies through collaboration in service improvement and procurement' across 10 priority areas
- Programme revised and re-prioritised programme in March 2011 - demanding new targets of £60 - £120m savings
 - Adults
 - Childrens
 - Corporate Support Services
 - Procurement and Commissioning
 - ICT
- £37m potential savings identified in first tranche of business cases

Achievements



- Established dedicated programme office funded collectively
- £5.74 m of efficiency savings in first two years of programme
- 250% return on authority investment to date
- A further £7.266m efficiency savings identified for delivery this year
- Over 470 senior managers involved in collaborative activity across 10 service areas
- Adoption of Smarter Procurement techniques
 - Contracts Re-let
 - Consolidate Best Deals & negotiate with common suppliers
 - · Aggregate fragmented spend
 - Support local suppliers
- £25m savings target for Procurement over next 3 years

Smarter Procurement Achievements



- Agency Staff Contract £7.2m to date
- Mobile phone contract secured £1.36m savings
- AGMA food contract achieved £1.55m savings
- £5.02m procurement savings identified in first 6 months of 2011/12 (for delivery in 11/12)
- 48 Collaborative Procurement Frameworks in place recent activity includes:
 - Street Lighting Connections 12 authorities committed to utilising framework with anticipated savings of £600k per year and £2.4m over 4 year timeframe
 - NW Audit and Overpayments Recovery Services 42 authorities can utilise framework with anticipated savings of £5.2m over 4 year timeframe
 - Community Equipment (Simple Aids) development of a standard catalogue with 7 authorities committed. 25% savings (£250k) per annum projected
 - CPC Driver Training 9 authorities committed with 36% savings secured

Critical Success Factors



Pace and scale of benefits is wholly dependant on 'buy in' and delivery

Critical Success Factors:

- pace of delivery
- coalitions of the willing clarity of participation / clustering
- strong leadership
- scale benefits need to be big enough to create an appetite for collaboration
- delivery models to be a mix of transactional, transformational and public service reform
- 'buy in' from within each organisation Leaders; CE's; Service Directors

Engaging with LA's to add value



- Understand and align with the vision and objectives of the organisation you wish to partner with
- Think partnership not leverage of your current market position
- Think medium/long term in tailoring solutions
- Promote radical effective solutions
- Take short term hits if needs be loss leaders

Adding Value contd/....



- Be honest tell the customer things they may not like what they do wrong
- Allow your expertise to be deployed by your customer to transform solutions
- Look at your own supply chain and adapt it to meet the objectives of your customer
- Plan for long term cost down, value engineering solutions more for less
- Look for innovative means to promote localism (SMEs, apprentice schemes) in the supply chain
- Look at workable and cost efficient outsource arrangements

Adding Value contd/...



- Continually review your contract performance honestly
- Adapt to socio-political economic developments e.g. Big Society, Personalisation
- Supply partners who look for long-term and continuous improvements will be the survivors going forward

Finally.....

Never assume that you can do it better than the Local Authority

THANK YOU