

## Briefing papers



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**[INLOGOV briefing paper: What happened to the NOC councils after May 2014? \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/2014-local-election-results.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/2014-local-election-results.pdf)**



Written by Chris Game, Honorary Senior Lecturer at INLOGOV. Most of the results – and effectively the outcomes – of May's local elections were in the media the following day. For a fifth of councils, though – the black holes in this Briefing Paper's cover map – while the results, in terms of seat numbers, were available, the all-important outcomes – who will actually run the authority – weren't, often for weeks. The Briefing Paper's main purpose is to fill in those black holes, detailing who's now running what and how.

Friday 4th July 2014

**[INLOGOV briefing paper: Reflections on 'Bridging the gap' \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/reflections-on-bridging-the-gap.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/reflections-on-bridging-the-gap.pdf)**



Written by Daniel Goodwin, June 2014. The Inlogov Symposium, Bridging the Gap, was designed to encourage the sharing of new ideas, creativity, evidence and experience on some of the key challenges for local government. This post expands on an earlier blog piece, reflects on the discussions and suggests points and questions for the future.

Thursday 26th June 2014

**[INLOGOV briefing paper: Social Value Survey Report \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/social-value-survey-report.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/social-value-survey-report.pdf)**



This report outlines the findings of a joint survey (carried out between August to mid October 2013) by the Society of Procurement Officers (SOPO), the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO), the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) and the Institute of Local Government Studies at the University of Birmingham on the impact of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

Monday 2nd June 2014

**[INLOGOV briefing paper: The 2014 local elections – a preview \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/2014-local-elections.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/2014-local-elections.pdf)**

By Chris Game. This year's English local elections have been postponed to Thursday 22nd May to coincide with those to the European Parliament. There are all-out elections in the London boroughs, elections by thirds in the metropolitan boroughs, and a mixture of the two in some unitaries and shire districts. This preview will lead you through this potential confusion, and also provide a guide to those councils most likely to change political control.

Monday 14th April 2014

**[INLOGOV briefing paper: Bridging the gap \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/bridging-the-gap.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/2014/bridging-the-gap.pdf)**



Bridging the gap: can demand management, behaviour change and coproduction improve outcomes and reduce costs in public services?. Lecture delivered at the University of Illinois at Chicago, October 2013. This paper focuses on public services in England.

Wednesday 19th February 2014

**[Who is accountable in localism? \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/who-is-accountable-localism.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/who-is-accountable-localism.pdf)**



The drive for localism seeks to open up decision-making to citizens with the aim of developing local public services better informed by the priorities and needs of communities and empowering them to contribute to achievable solutions and improved outcomes. But this ambition raises some real questions for accountability: who should be taking decisions and for what, and how and to whom are they accountable? These conversations are taking place in council chambers, wards and neighbourhoods across the country and are not easily resolved, with councillors, officers, community organisations and local people often taking strongly-felt but different views. In a policy review funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Connected Communities programme, Liz Richardson (University of Manchester) and Catherine Durose (University of Birmingham) address these challenges and provide tools for reflection and debate. For more information please contact Catherine Durose, [c.durose@bham.ac.uk](mailto:c.durose@bham.ac.uk)

Friday 12th July 2013

**[Transforming local public services through co-production \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/transforming-local-public-services-co-production.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/transforming-local-public-services-co-production.pdf)**



The fiscal crisis together with demographic change has prompted demands for radical new approaches to designing and delivering local public services. Co-production is one response that has seemed to capture the imagination of policy-makers, politicians and practitioners. This policy review, commissioned by the AHRC's Connected Communities programme and conducted by a research team from the University of Birmingham, explores the tensions in thinking about co-production as a response to austerity and consider when, where and how citizens and professionals can work together to deliver transformation in local public services. For more information please contact Catherine Durose, [c.durose@bham.ac.uk](mailto:c.durose@bham.ac.uk)

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**[New INLOGOV book: Making sense of the future: do we need a new model of public services \(/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/news/2013/07/new-book.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/news/2013/07/new-book.aspx)**



Read INLOGOV's new book: Making sense of the future: do we need a new model of public services.

Thursday 4th July 2013

**[Beyond the State - mobilising and co-producing with communities \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/beyond-the-state.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/inlogov/briefing-papers/beyond-the-state.pdf)**

Written with community activists and policy researchers, the pamphlet provides case studies and analysis of UK and US experience in community organising to solve problems and improve public services. The pamphlet is one output from an ESRC seminar series on 'Government beyond the State', which brought together researchers from across the world with people involved in making policy, delivering public services and working with communities. The pamphlet features contributors from CitizensUK, Locality and Scope and a Chicago-based organisation, Pilsen Alliance.

Tuesday 29th January 2013

**[Briefing paper: The World Will Be Your Oyster? - Updated \(Chapters\) \(/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/news/2012/07/oyster-chapters.aspx\)](/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/news/2012/07/oyster-chapters.aspx)**

Perspectives from the Institute of Local Government Studies on the Localism Bill. Read the updated individual chapters.

Monday 23rd July 2012

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