

The ISiS Programme

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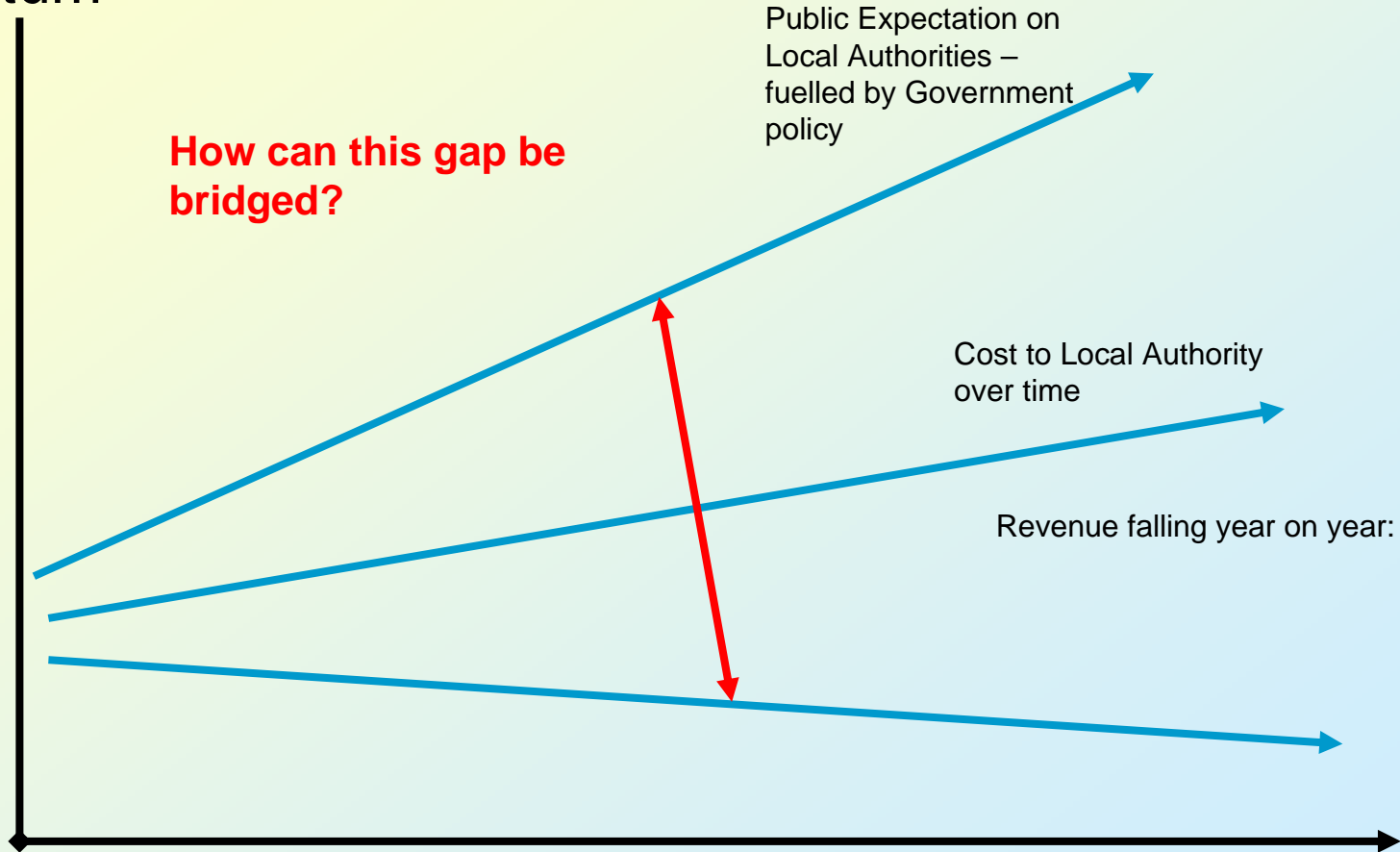
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Synopsis

- The Financial Challenge
- What is ISiS all about?
- Why are we doing it?
- Why a Partnership ?
- Benefits / Opportunities for the Region

The Revenue Gap

Quantum



How can this gap be bridged?

Time

What is ISiS all about?

- A 'Strategic Partnership/Joint Venture'
- Between Somerset CC, Taunton Deane BC
- Open to all authorities in the Region
- Now at pre – ITN stage
- Preferred partner in the Autumn
- April 2007 launch

Why do it?

Our objectives:

- Re-engineer and reduce cost of services
- Cultural Transformation
- Invest in new skills & technologies
- Create excellent employment prospects
- Generate economic development
- Improve customer access

Why a Partnership?

*“At the moment many of the projects and initiatives contributing to the efficiency agenda are small scale and are, of course, very valuable. But it is not going to change the **culture** and go on delivering efficiencies in years to come.*

*Now local authorities need to start ‘thinking big’. We need a second wave on a different **scale**.”*

*“In practical terms, this means we must think about projects that will **transform** the way we do business and deliver services – transformations that will lead them to achieving further efficiencies year after year.*

*We need to change the **culture** from one of looking to improve the status quo to one of radically rethinking the whole approach.*

*We will also need to **look beyond our boundaries**.
... and use new technologies ... and the **private sector**”*

Opportunities for the Region

- Free 'contract technology' transfer
- Three partners will set a 'framework contract'
- Other authorities will be able to buy into services – without competition - for 4 years
- Business focus will be the SW Region
- Main 'call-off contracts' will be for 10 - 15 years

Any Questions?

Questions and observations
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