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Research within a changing local government agenda

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promoting better local government

Outline



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- Financial context
- Likely priorities for research
- Likely challenges and opportunities
- Role of LGA

- Cuts of £1.166bn
- Just under 60% has been identified to individual councils
- Cuts affecting housing, education, road safety, major transport projects and social cohesion programmes
- Thereafter likely further cuts

Priorities

- More efficient; more for less
- Councils thinking ahead will be more demanding: new solutions and better understanding
- Outcomes-focus
- Value for money

Challenges and opportunities



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- Research now very tied to performance
- Sector needs to share/co-operate more
- Difficulties with transforming and cutting services
- Opportunities from councils and other local public sector organisations joining
- Lack of local government R&D
- Cuts from other budgets

- Work with LARIA to help develop research skills
- CIPFA/LGA Group Value for Money Toolkit
- Work with research councils to increase access to and relevance of research

Conclusion

- Cloudy, but with sunny intervals
- Questions?
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