

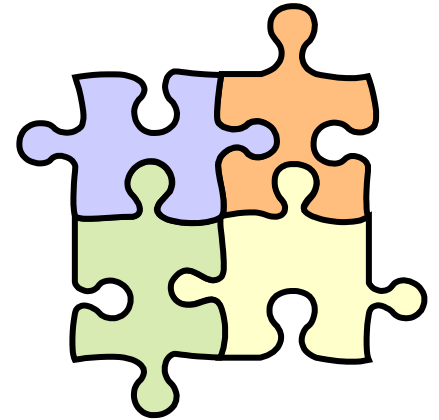
# B&NES Voluntary Sector Older People Network 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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# The Current Context for Older People's Services

- » Political – National Picture
- » Political – Local Picture
- » Strategic – High Level & Local
- » Financial – Local Decision Making & Timescales
- » Public Perceptions



# Political – National Picture

- » Coalition Government
- » Rapid reform of health, social care & related policy
- » Challenging financial environment



# Political – Local Picture

- » Local elections in May 2011
- » Significant changes to political make-up and to decision making arrangements
- » Challenging financial environment



# Political – Local Picture

Party name	Seats elected	% of votes
Conservative Party	29	37%
Liberal Democrats	29	35%
Labour Party	4	14%
Independent	2	4%
Labour and Co-operative Party	1	4%
Green Party	0	7%
UK Independence Party	0	< 1%
Turnout:		48%

## Political – Local Picture

- » Set up of Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel
- » Chaired by Cllr Vic Pritchard
- » Vice-Chair Cllr Katie Hall
- » Cllr Bryan Organ Older People's Champion



## Political – Local Picture

- » Council Cabinet makes decisions about local policy & finances
- » Chaired by Leader of the Council Cllr Paul Crossley



# Strategic Overview- High Level

- » Council Re-structuring – People, Places & Resources
- » Set up of Clinical Commissioning Groups
- » Set up of Sirona Care & Health Social Enterprise
- » Health & Wellbeing Board (JSNA)



# Strategic Overview- Local Level

- » Developing Re-ablement Services
- » Personal Budgets
- » Implementing Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework
- » Improving Dementia Care Services
- » Older People's Independent Living Service
- » Carers Breaks Project
- » Delivering efficiencies



# Financial Plans & Timescales

- » Adult Social Care & Housing Budget & Service Plan discussed at Wellbeing PDS Panel on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011
- » Council has budgeted for £2.86m growth pressures
- » Consequently needs to find significant savings and maximise income

# Public Perceptions

- » Media attention on quality in care homes and non-residential services
- » Concerns about charging increases
- » The future role of CQC and Health Watch
- » Confusion about NHS and public services generally

# Questions

