Perfect Storm

• Crisis in public finance

• Crisis of democracy

• Crisis of public trust in institutions
Can the Nation State cope?

Globalisation?

Inequality?

Technology?

Work?

Climate change?
Power

• The capacity to bring about change

• Local capacity, knowledge, and expertise are arguably more essential to our success now than ever.
“Cities deal with fluid identity all the time, and we keep it linked to something real and coherent”

Cities are also a good framework for dealing with complexity
Beyond Localism, Beyond Devolution

2011 – Localism Act introduced, as well as Core Cities amendment
October 2011 – Whole Place Community Budget Pilots
July 2012 – First wave of City Deals announced
2013-14 – Second wave of City Deals announced
November 2014 – Greater Manchester devolution deal announced
March 2015 – Devolved health budget deal for Greater Manchester announced
May 2015 – Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill published
July 2015 – Cornwall deal published (rst non-city deal)
September 2015 – Deadline for devolution bids 32 were submitted
December 2016 – Amendments to Devolution Bill
May 2017 – Elections for combined authority mayors in 6 city-regions
Devolution, or Democracy?

Participation?

Democracy?

Representation?

Civic identity?
Knowledge

• Leeds City Council – Data Mill and Data Dashboard

• Newcastle – Know Your City

• Open Helsinki
Power

- Barcelona
- Jackson, Mississippi
- Malmo
Finance

• Preston City Council

• Plymouth City Council
Challenges

Where do we go from here?

How do we connect the local, the regional and the global?
Thank you