



*Post Election Landscape & Opportunities
for the Sub-Region*

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Key Policy Themes:

- Fiscal consolidation
- Collaboration
- Tackling root causes
- Welfare reform & employment
- Growth and infrastructure
- Devolution
- Northern powerhouse

Some Predictions:

- A new model for Local Government & Local Governance based on outcomes
- 'Whole System' Challenges
- Integration around Complex Cohorts and outcomes
- Central Role for Housing
- Devolution: A law of diminishing returns
- Digital Transformation
- Capital Investment
- The fall is often worse than the landing

Conditions for Success:

- Forensic and shared analysis of need & impact
- Outcomes vs. Organisations
- Creating freedom for innovation at the frontline
- A meaningful conversation with the public
- A flexible approach to geography
- A new relationship with Whitehall (Deal or No Deal)

Discussion Groups:

- 15 minute session
- **10 minutes:** Select one of the conditions for success (or your own), and discuss what practical things we need to do to put this in place across Cheshire and Warrington.
- **5 minutes:** Brief feedback from each table.
- Three tables; one facilitator per table.