

Innovation in Development through the Housing Revenue Account: Workshop

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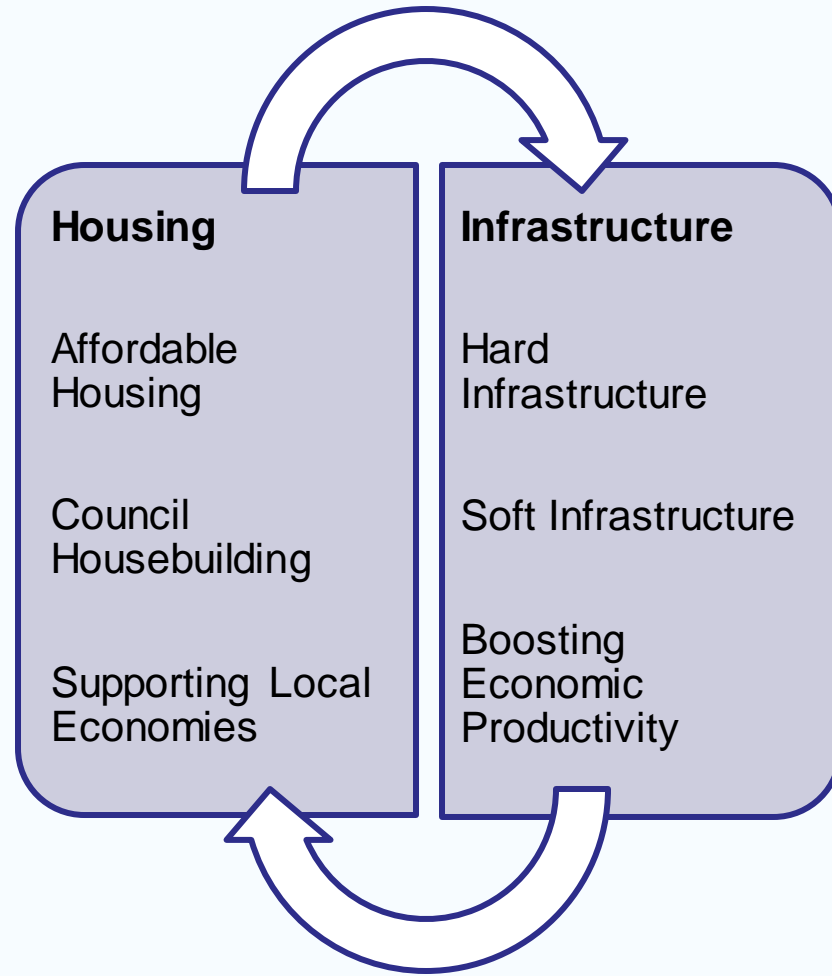
LGA Project on Council Housebuilding

- Focus on Innovation in Council Housebuilding through the Housing Revenue Account (HRA)
 - Policy and Research Review
 - Online Survey of Councils with HRAs
 - 10+ Plus Case Studies
- Timescale: November 2017 – March 2018
- Publication and Launch: Early Summer 2018

Current Council Housebuilding

- Optimism of Self-financing replaced by the Reality of Austerity
- Since 2015, Council Housebuilding Starts: ,200-2,400 per year
- Forecasts (based on current policies): 45,000 Council Homes over Next 30 Years
- Pre-2015, Council Housebuilding Starts: 3,000–4,000 per year
- Long-term Forecasts Pre-2015: >450,000 over 30 Years

Housing and Infrastructure



Housing, Infrastructure and Productivity

- Local Enterprise Partnerships: Lack of affordable housing a barrier to economic growth
 - Growth deals including council housebuilding as part of affordable housing provision for Cambridge and Oxford
- Multiplier Effect of Investment in Housebuilding on the Economy
- Council Housebuilding and Training, Skills & Jobs

Innovation

Middle way between

‘Just building a few council houses under austerity is innovative’ (Project case study interview, 2018)

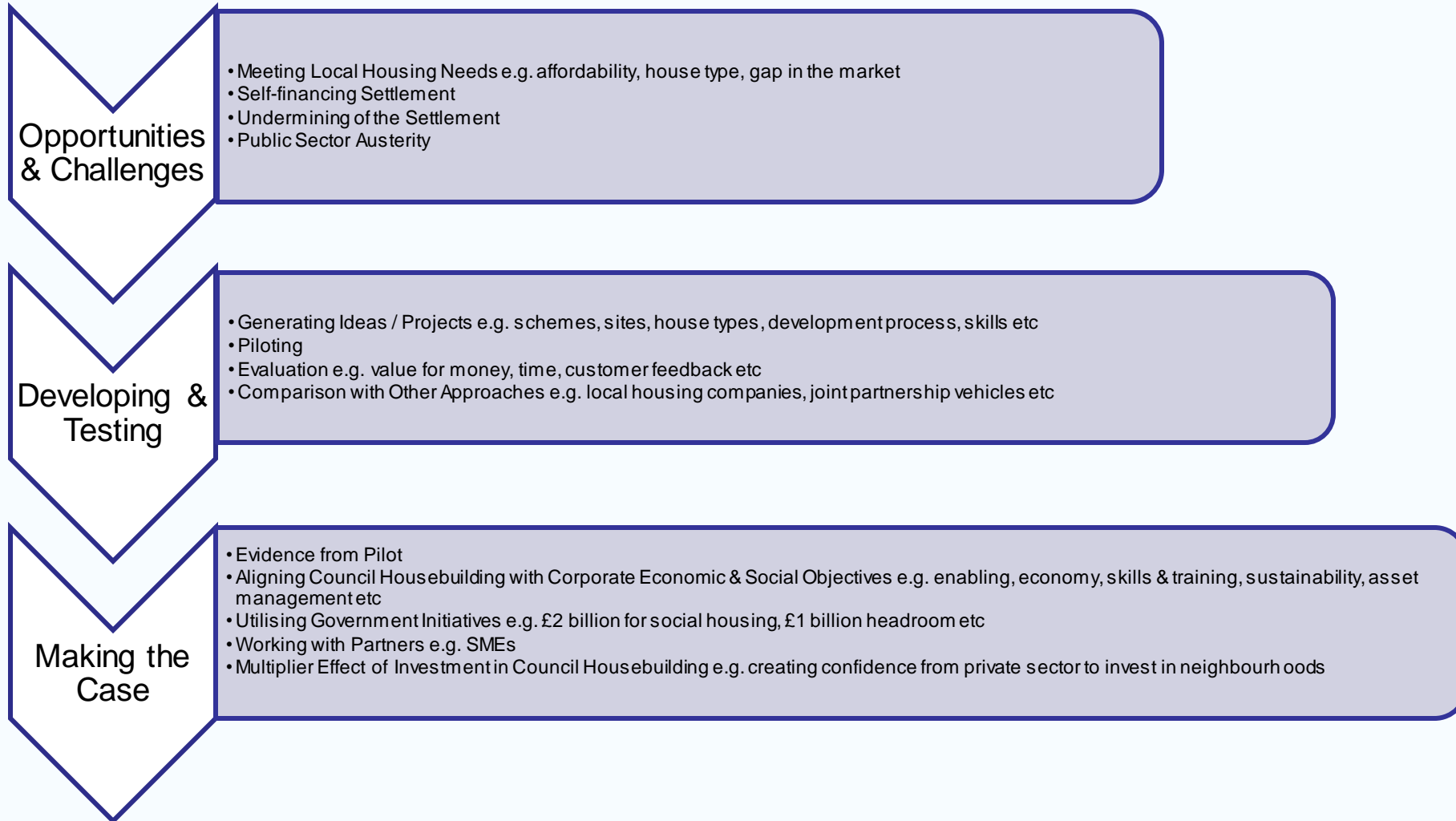
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‘...creating, developing and implementing practical ideas that achieve a public benefit’ (Mulgan, 2014)

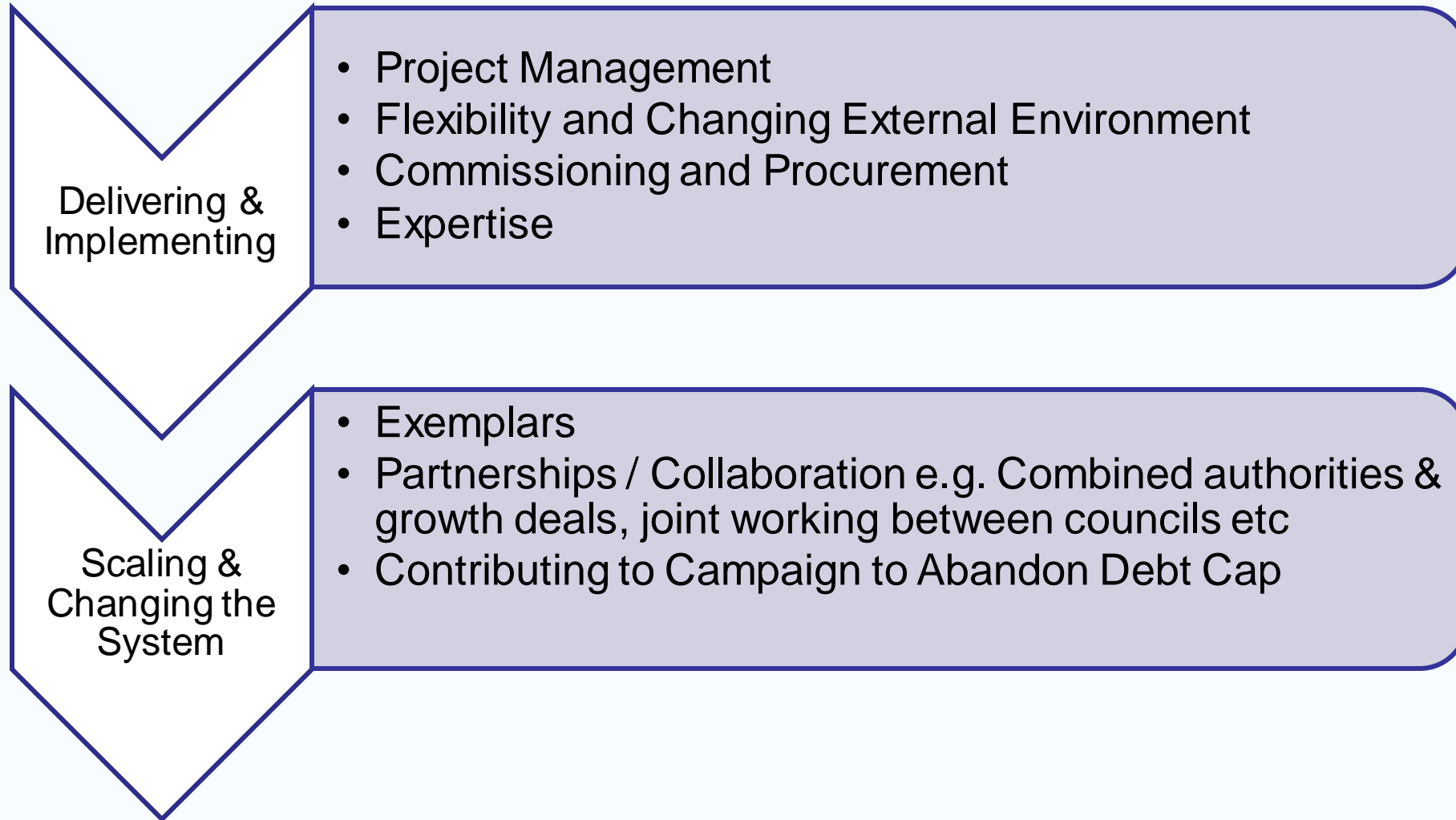
Basic Innovation Cycle



Innovation and Council Housebuilding



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Four Interrelated Issues

- Are the Prospects for Council Housebuilding Positive?
- How can Council Housebuilding become Innovative?
- Can Council Housebuilding be an Exemplar for Other Developers?
- What Resources are Required Locally?

Discussion & Debate