

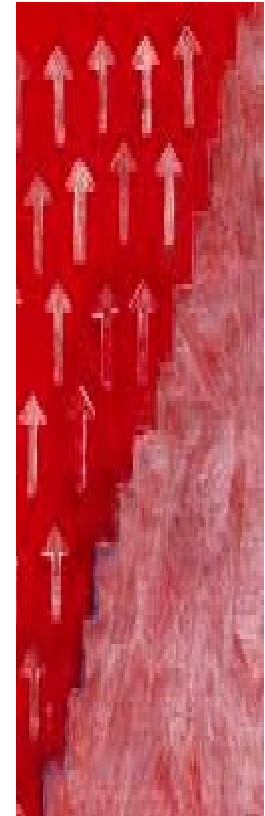
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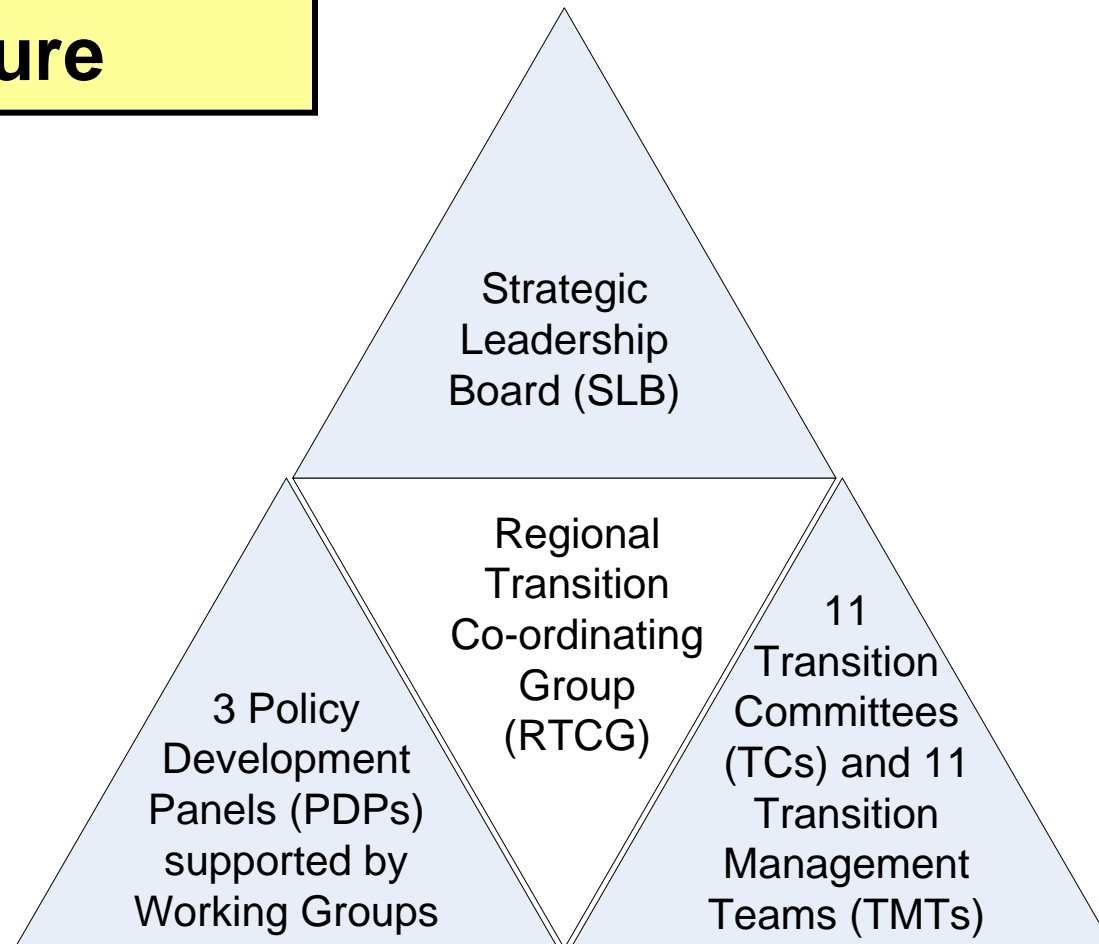
Agenda

- **Strategic Leadership Board & Policy Development Panels**
- **Regional Transition Co-Ordinating Group**
- **Transition Committees**
- **Transition Management Teams**





Implementation Structure



Role of SLB

- **Agree a joint overall vision for Local Government**
- **Be the pinnacle of and driver for RPA implementation programme**
- **Approve the programme of work to be taken forward by the Policy Development Panels**
- **Approve/monitor the programme communication strategy**
- **Advise the Minister in key decisions in relation to the programme.**

Policy Development Panels

- **Panel A – Governance and Relationships**
- **Panel B – Service Delivery**
- **Panel C – Structural Reform Issues**

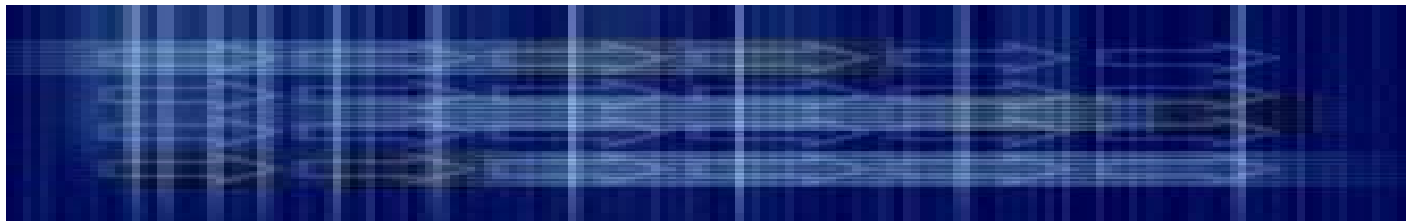




PDP A – Governance & Relationships

- **Governance**
- **Community Planning**
- **Central/Local Government Relationships**

- **Policy to be developed by end November 2008**
- **Policy consultation early 2009**



PDP B – Service Delivery

- **Service delivery improvement**
- **E-Gov**
- **IS Strategy**
- **Customer Service Strategy**
- **Procurement**

- **Performance Management**



PDP B – Service Delivery

- **Service Delivery policy work not so time critical**
- **IT Infrastructure priority**

- **Performance management – framework required – but not essential for transition?**





PDP C – Structural Reform Issues

- **Human Resources**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Finance**
- **Estates**
- **Regional & Sub-Regional Design**



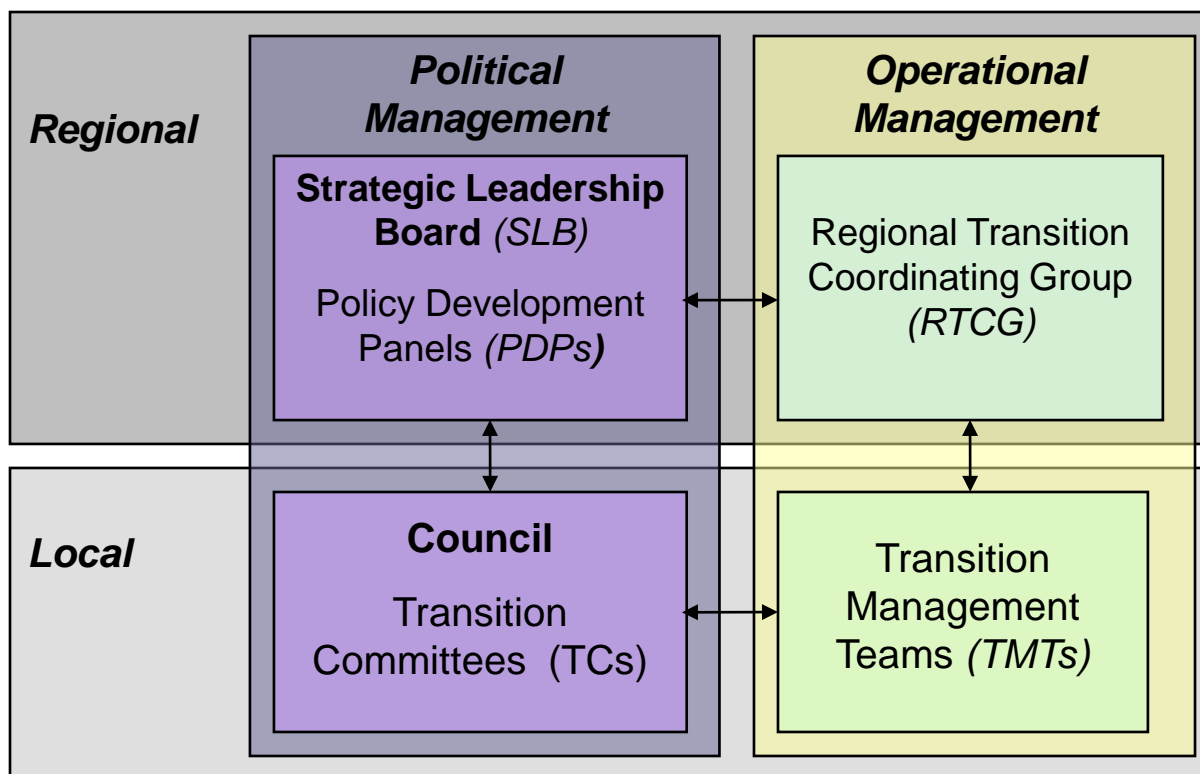
PDP C – Structural Reform Issues

- **4 Working Groups (HR, Capacity Building, Finance & Estates, Regional and Sub-regional Design)**
- **Staff Transfer arrangements**
- **Regional design – consultancy exercise and costing (by March 2009)**





Regional Transition Co-ordinating Group



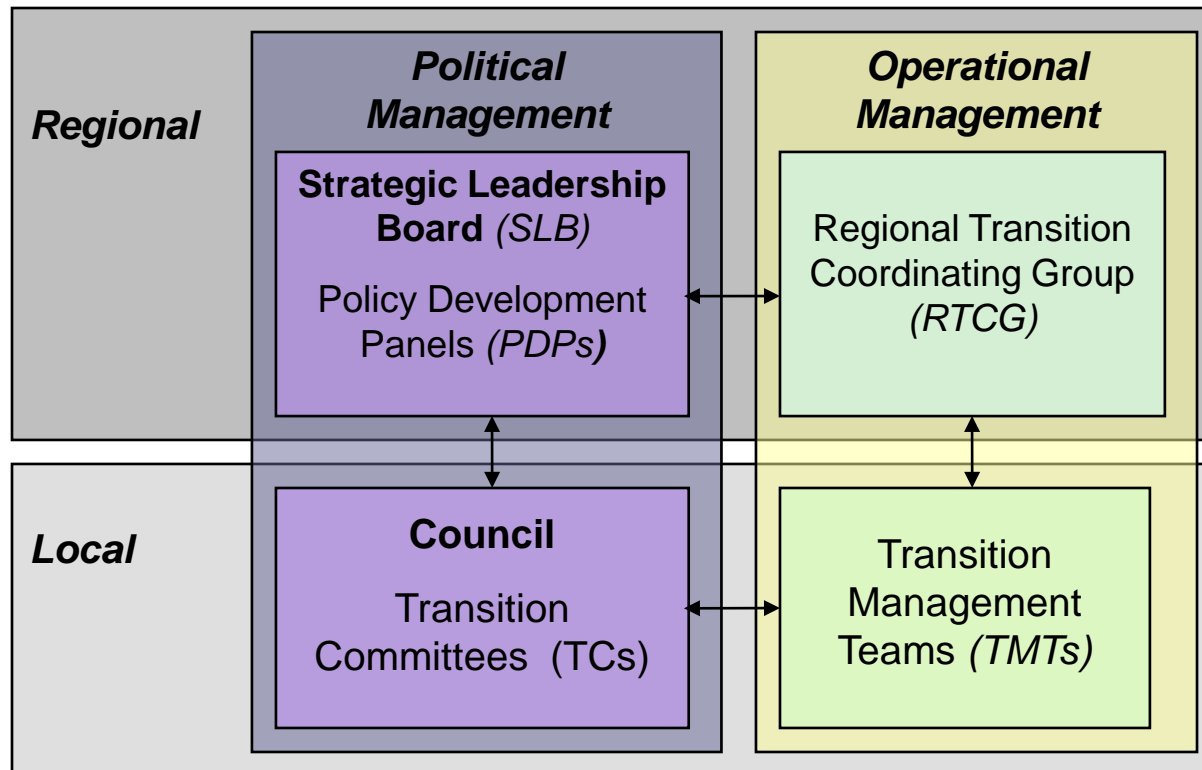
Regional Transition Co-Ordinating Group

- **Responsible to SLB to co-ordinate and support consistent implementation process across all council areas**
- **DoE, Council Chief Executives, NILGA, Transferring Department reps, expert advisers as required**
- **Joint secretariat**
- **First meeting imminent**
- **Develop workplan/priorities**





Transition Committees



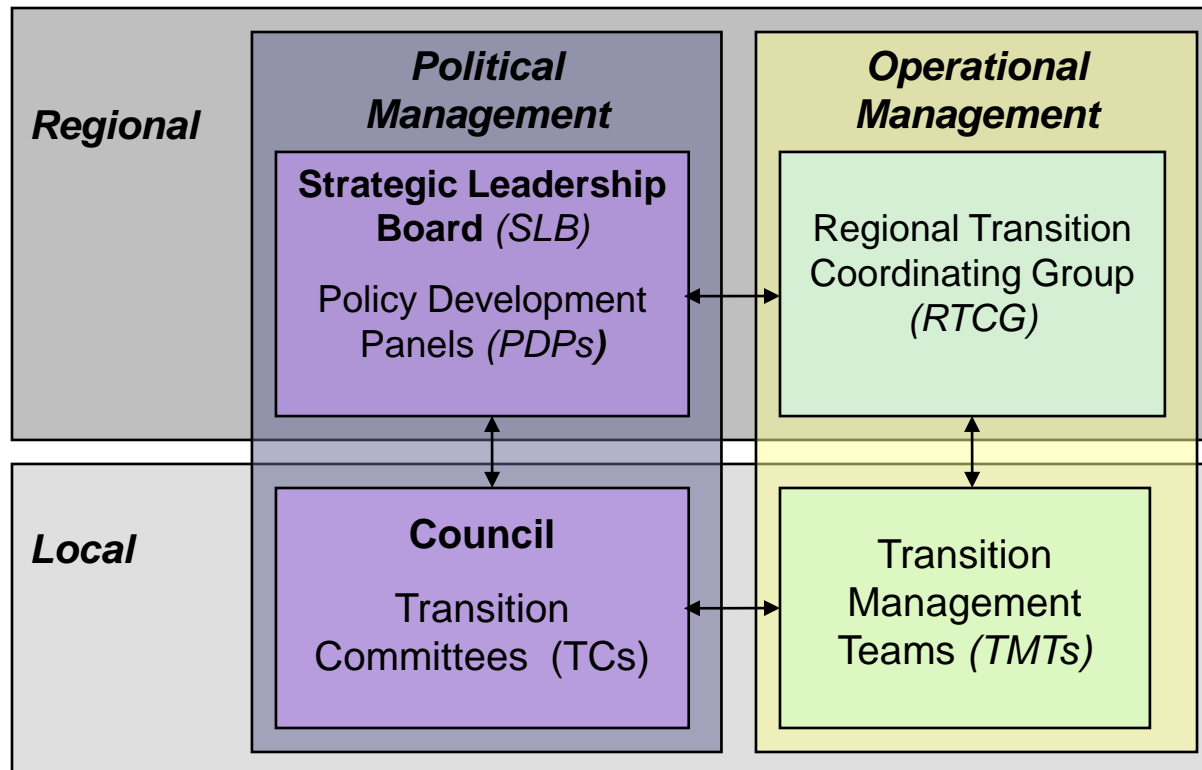
Transition Committees

- **Proposals being finalised**
- **10-16 elected members – even numbers from each council**
- **To reflect political balance**
- **Coherent and co-ordinated approach to local decisions in line with SLB**
- **Work with Transition Management Teams**
- **Formal guidance imminent**





Transition Management Teams



Transition Management Teams

- **Merging senior management teams**
- **Transferring Departments reps**
- **Seeking funding for 11 support teams**
- **Formal guidance imminent**
- **Responsibility for ongoing operational management of transition at local level**
- **Coherent and co-ordinated approach to local operational management in line with SLB and other bodies**
- **Work with Transition Committee**



Other Issues

- **Severance – proposed one-off scheme – Aug/Dec 2009**
- **Boundaries Commissioner – draft proposals published**



Questions and Answers



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