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# Oldham Local Area Agreement

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# A word from the Minister.....

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Local government is a key player for the delivery of central government priorities. It is also best placed to lead the definition of local needs. Local Area Agreements try to recognise this dual role.... (LAAs) are a negotiation of equals, owned jointly by central and local government, and that should be their strength.

David Miliband, 20 May 2005

# LAA Key Aims

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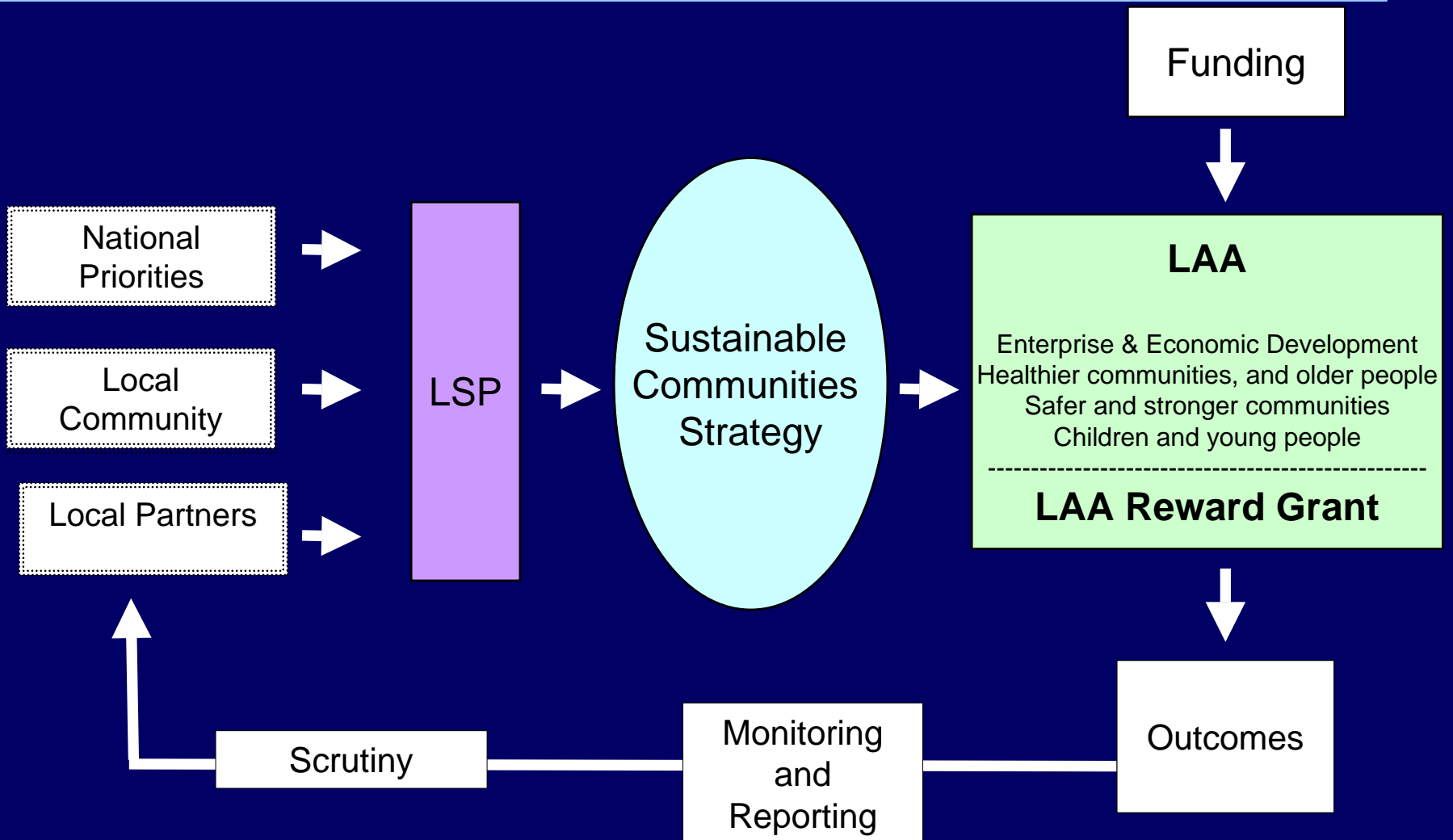
- Improved central/local relations
- Improved service delivery
- Enhanced efficiency
- Better partnership working
- Better leadership by Local Authorities

# An opportunity for Oldham

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- Council - much improved since 2002 CPA
- LSP – much improved, great progress, now graded as 'amber-green'
- Not a good reputation with Government
- LAA offers an opportunity for LSP partners and council to demonstrate the benefits of that improvement for the community
- Opportunity for a new relationship with Government

# LAA Framework



# LAA Objectives

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- Focus on a range of agreed outcomes that are shared by delivery partners locally which they all agree to work towards achieving.
- Simplify the number of funding streams from Centre for going into an area.
- Help to join up public services more effectively and allow greater flexibility for local solutions for local circumstances.
- Devolve decision making and reduce bureaucracy.

# LAA Main Features

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- Outcome based and reflect national priorities and local priorities as identified in community strategies.
- Central Government will set high level outcomes desired from LAAs based on national PSAs and FTs and allocate funding to each area from each programme/area based initiative.
- Local authorities and their partners will negotiate the LAA with GONW.
- GONW negotiation team Partnership Director - Mike Greenwood, David Davies (Co-ordinator) , Andy Nelson (CYP) Sheila Battersby (Safer Communities), Danila Armstrong (Health) and Paul Burroughs (Economy)

# LAA Blocks

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- Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF).
- Healthier Communities and Older People.
- Children and Young People.
- Economic Development and Enterprise (includes Local Enterprise Growth Initiative -LEGI).
- LAA Reward Element - (Formerly LPSA) linked to some selected targets within LAA

# Major Challenges

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- Partnership working
- Tight timetable
- Continuing to build better local-central relations
- Clear vision of what we want to achieve