



## 3LE on.....Local Government and financing local economic growth

Self-evidently local government leadership and financing for local economic growth is absolutely vital for successful places, and this is reflected in the 3LE literature throughout its existence.

On leadership, pieces and presentations have covered both elected mayors (particularly given my time at Doncaster) and Chief Executives, and a flavour of this work is given at:-

- **May 2012 LGIU** – [‘The future of mayoral governance and implications for city leadership’](#). This is a particularly comprehensive briefing in the aftermath of the mayoral referendums that argues (somewhat against orthodoxy) that mayoral governance WILL be a significant feature of English local leadership for the foreseeable future
- **March 2012 Guardian** – [‘Elected Mayors – can councils learn from the mistakes of the past’](#). This gives (for the first time in public) a rather personal reflection on my experience at Doncaster MBC.
- **December 2010 Guardian** – [‘Localism Bill: questions that need answering about new city mayors’](#), which suggests why government’s approach to elected mayors was rather half-baked from the start.
- **December 2011 (with Ashridge)** – Two presentations on the role of the local authority chief executive presented to a Senior Management Programme of Fujian Chief Executives are attached here – the first on the [CEO’s economic leadership role](#), and the second on the [CEO’s community leadership role](#)
- **July 2011** – And on my personal blog [‘Looking for inspiration? Watch a good TV crime thriller...’](#), with a slightly ‘left field’ take on local government leadership, which was picked up by and published in Local Government Chronicle

On local government finance I gave a major presentation to the Westminster Social Policy Forum meeting on this in February and followed this up with a blog in regeneration and Renewal.

- **February 2012** – ‘Financing local economic growth and growing local economic finance’ - [WSPF presentation](#); [R&R blog](#).

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