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A DCN perspective

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A new hope for local government across all tiers?



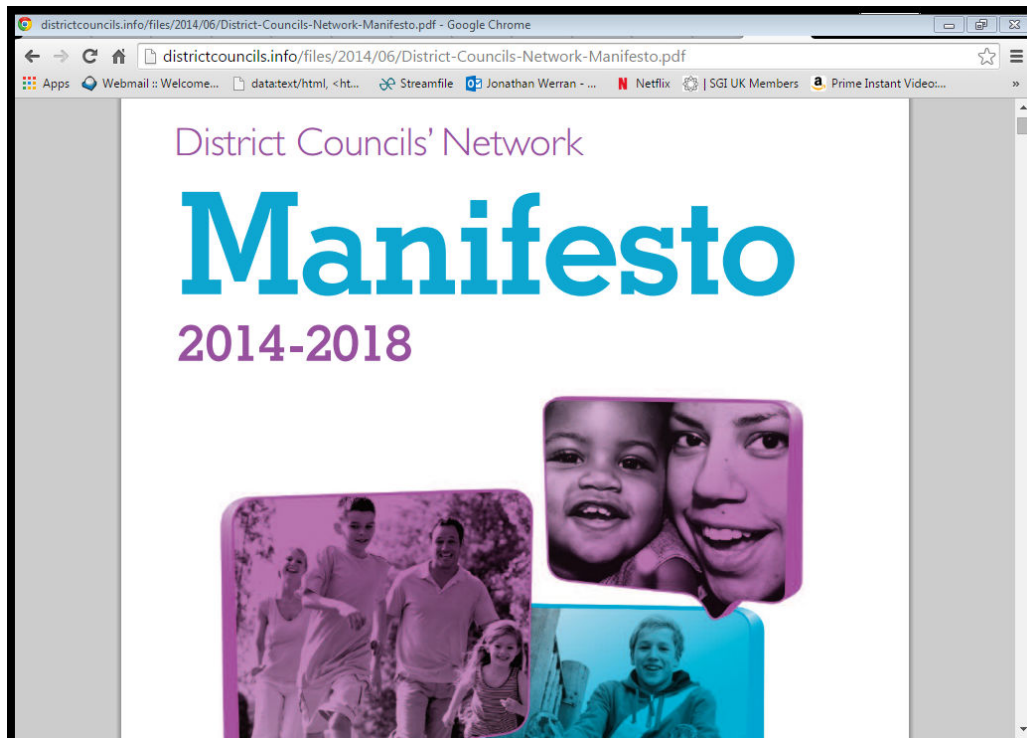
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- Austerity
- Devolution
- Challenges and Opportunities



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The Great Collaboration

- Where does DCN/South Somerset DC see future partnerships with town and parish councils?
- District devolution; wider context of Combined Authorities, County Deals, City Deals – where do we fit in, if at all?



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LOCAL PLAN POLICY SS2 - DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL SETTLEMENTS

Development in Rural Settlements (not Market Towns or Rural Centres) will be strictly controlled and limited to that which:

- ***Provides employment opportunities appropriate to the scale of the settlement; and/or***
- ***Creates or enhances community facilities and services to serve the settlement; and/or***
- ***Meets identified housing need, particularly for affordable housing.***

Development will be permitted where it is commensurate with the scale and character of the settlement, provides for one or more of the types of development above, and increases the sustainability of a settlement in general.

*Proposals should be consistent with relevant community led plans, and should **generally have the support of the local community** following robust engagement and consultation.*

