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# The next Five Years

- The future starts here.....
  - The world has changed in the last 18 months to an almost unbelievable extent
    - Iceland has melted
    - We all own a share in the banks
    - The word “trillion” has become familiar
    - The housing market has slumped by 16%+ (LR)
    - The RPI has gone negative for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 50 years
    - Manchester United is sponsored by the US Government

# The next Five Years

- Our future (like Gaul) is divided into three:
  - The future of EH in UK Local Government
  - The future of EH as a profession
  - The future of the CIEH



# The next Five Years

- What does our future look like?
- What does your future look like locally?
  - When were your plans written?
  - Have you got a risk register?
  - What's your contribution to the local priorities?



# The next Five Years

- May you live in interesting times
  - the Chinese Curse
    - Often attributed (mistakenly) to Confucius
    - The first of three curses of increasing severity, the other two being:

*"May you come to the attention of those in authority"*

*"May you find what you are looking for"*



# The next Five Years

- Interesting times
  - The international financial position
  - The public-sector finances
  - Better regulation
  - Local government reorganisation
  - General election



# The next Five Years

- May you come to the attention of those in authority
  - Prof Sir Hugh Pennington
  - Sarah Anderson
  - The Labour Government – LBRO
  - The Conservative Party - Sir David Arculus and Ken Clarke



# The next Five Years

- What are we looking for?
  - To survive
  - To be relevant
  - To be influential
  - To be respected and needed
  - To protect public health



# The next Five Years

- How we might find it.....
  - In practice and as a profession:
    - By embracing change and the opportunities it presents
    - By being flexible
    - By being prepared to sacrifice 'tradition'

*"Tradition is an explanation for acting without thinking"*

Grace McGarvie, American Political Scientist



# The next Five Years

- The Economy (1)
  - Contraction in 2009 about 4.3% (Budget predicted 3.5%)
  - Growth next year 0.5% to 1.5% (Budget predicted 1.5% in 2010-11 and then 3.5%)
  - Overall this recession as bad as 1979-81
  - U, V, L or W?

# The next Five Years

- The Economy (2)
  - National debt was £527Bn in March 2008
  - Budget projected £1370Bn in March 2014
  - £800Bn this June, a bit ahead of Budget
  - Risk of UK credit rating being downgraded
  - Gap in national budget £40Bn+ a year



# The next Five Years

- The Economy (3)

- CIPD projects 350000 public sector jobs to go over 5 years (saves £14Bn a year)
- LAs lost 6,700 jobs in year to May, expect to lose 40,000 by next year and 100,000 over 5 years
- Drop in LA income £3Bn+ this year.
- Even if Budget is right, cuts at least to 2013/14
- Gap in pension funds likely to be £20Bn by 3/2010

# The next Five Years

- Impacts

- Expect 10%+ cuts in real terms (but more if NHS and Education protected)
- Expect cuts/tax rises whoever wins election
- Expect the unpleasant bits in 2010-2012
- Expect focus on business and private sector job creation

# The next Five Years

- Impacts on EH
  - Fewer EH jobs in UK Councils
  - Fewer posts for EHPs
  - Consortia and more unitaries
  - Different ways of working
  - Cuts in training budgets
  - The wrong service cuts?



# The next Five Years

- An old algorithm
  - Do we have to do this?
    - If yes – to what standard, who goes to jail
  - **If no, do we want to do it?**
    - **LAA targets, SCS, corporate priorities**
  - If still no, does it make money?
  - If still no – why are we doing it??



# The next Five Years

- The longer term challenges
  - Climate Change
  - Inequalities in health
  - Economy
  - Housing



# The next Five Years

- Climate Change is the big one
  - 2C increase in UK by 2040 unavoidable
  - Wildfires, storm surges and crop failures
  - Flooding (1 in 6 homes), including surface water (2.8M homes), major impacts on utilities and infrastructure
  - And UK in a good position!

# The next Five Years

- Inequalities in Health
  - National Strategy - Acheson report in 1998
  - General improvements to health but gaps on infant mortality and life expectancy now wider than in baseline years
  - Marmot review, 9 key themes, emphasis on the social determinants of health



# The next Five Years

- The Economy
  - Current unemployed 2.43M (+750k)
  - Expected to rise to 3M plus by 2010
  - Working age economically inactive 7.95M
  - Increased redundancies, structural changes to the economy
  - 76000 retail workers have lost jobs



# The next Five Years

- Housing (England)
  - 90000 starts in 2008/09 (156000)
  - 22.2M dwellings
  - 23M households by 2011, 28M by 2031
  - Effect of demographics
  - 3M already in/close to –ve equity

# The next Five Years

- Strategy for survival (1)
  - What are your local priorities? Clean and Green?? Safe???
  - What kills and hurts local people, what are their needs? (What are the IMD scores?)
  - What's your contribution to the "CIEH" issues?

# The next Five Years

- Strategy for survival (2)
  - Reducing costs, overheads rather than front line; use of technology
  - Links with other local services – the USP
    - Think laterally e.g. safeguarding
  - But wider partnerships for specialist skills
  - **Show how you deliver the local priorities**

# The next Five Years

- The Questions for you?
  - Who will be my employer?
  - What are there priorities?
  - What skills do you need for the future?
  - What are your personal needs and goals?

# The next Five Years

- The Questions for us?
  - What should our priorities be?
  - Who will our members be?
  - What will be their needs?



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