



**Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru**  
**Welsh Assembly Government**

# Welsh Assembly Government

- Primary Legislation  
same Wales and  
England
- Subordinate legislation  
can differ

# Wales is Different

- Selective licensing
- Hand basins in HMOs
- Funding arrangements
- Approach to area renewal

# Renewal Partnership

- **Welsh Assembly**  
Government works very closely with local authorities in Wales to ensure housing renewal delivers national and local objectives

# Renewal Arrangements in Wales

- Resources unhypothecated
- LAs have Housing Renewal Policies
- LAs can allocate as much of their General Capital Funding (GCF) as they need to support local priorities/renewal policies.

# Liaison in Wales

- 22 LAs in Wales
- Assembly Government works closely with LAs and EHO Technical Panel
- Close liaison with Joint involvement with good practice
- Loans Pilot

# Good Practice

- **Stairlift Grant**
- **Health through warmth grants**
- **Minor works grants**
- **Priority repairs assistance**
- **Relocation grants**
- **Hospital admissions prevention scheme**

# Good Practice

- Labour and materials grants
- Small towns/villages/Priority neighbourhoods initiatives
- Handy person services
- Priority neighbourhoods
- HMO Grants

# Good Practice

- Grants to landlords (with nomination rights)
- Empty property grants
- Homes over shops
- First time buyer grants (energy efficiency)
- Strategic renewal (incl Renewal Areas)

# Renewal Areas

- **£25.5m a year hypothecated for renewal areas in Wales**
- **Allocated in response to bids**
- **58 RAs:**
  - **21 completed :37 active**
  - **63,437 houses**
  - **Urban and Rural areas**

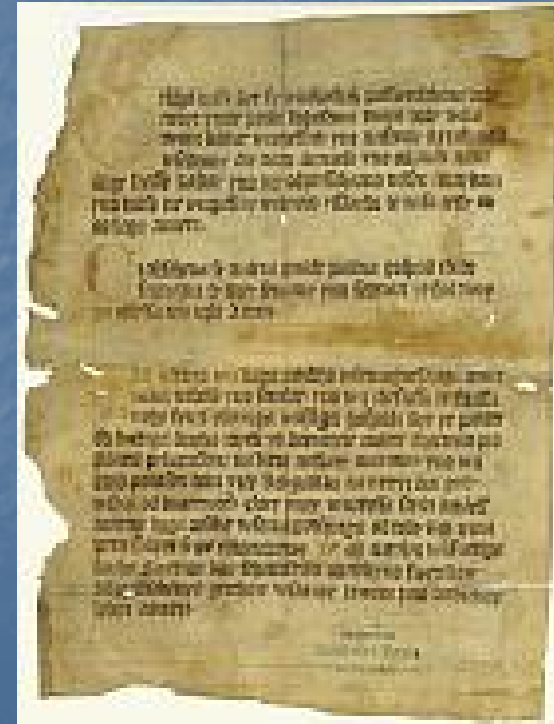
# Renewal Areas

## ■ Determination of Bids



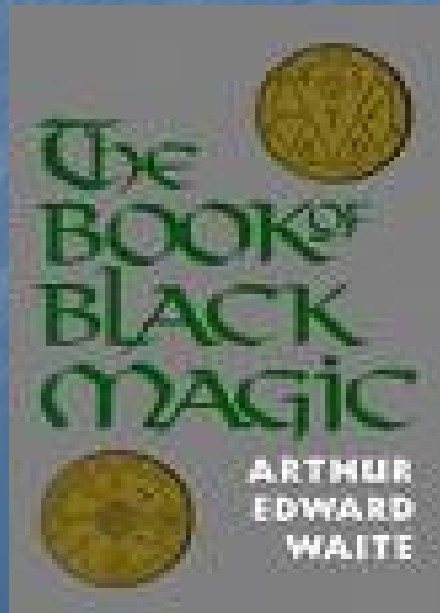
# Renewal Areas

- Criteria is set out in letter inviting bids



# Renewal Areas

- Consideration of bids is not a Black Art!



# RA Bids

- Performance
- Partnerships
- LA commitment
- Broad ranging renewal

# Consideration of Bids

- Past performance
- Local priorities
- LA commitment to strategic area renewal
- bid compared to other resources committed by LA

# Consideration of Bids

- LA investment in RA
- LA investment in PSR
- Other LA resources eg GCF
- Progress against objectives
- Partnership working and funding arrangements

# Renewal Areas

- Important to identify wide range of partners and funding



# Funding

- Assembly Government
- Local Authority
- Communities First
- Objective One
- RSLs
- Private Developers
- CADW

# Funding

- Lottery
- Townscape Heritage Initiative
- Town Improvement Grants
- Voluntary bodies
- Arts and Sports Councils

# Funding

- Local and national businesses
- Fire & Police Services
- Health organisations
- Charities and voluntary bodies
- Utilities Companies
- Owner Occupiers and Landlords

# Welsh Assembly Government

- Local authorities are notified of resources allocation around 6 months before the beginning of the financial year

In Wales we are the local  
authorities friends  
(Honest!)

