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IMPACTFUL DEVOLUTION 02

Local government
for the digital era

CHALLENGES ACROSS THE SECTOR

There is a ‘missing middle’ in our government digital infrastructure; leading to a lack of systematic and structured learning or coordination happening across the sector.

We don’t currently have a **fit-for purpose infrastructure** that supports the sharing of learning, practice and what works both within local government at a more local or regional level; and between local and central government.

This is leading to:

- Good practice and the things that are working within individual councils aren’t being shared or replicated in a way that could benefit the whole sector
- Opportunities to act collectively as a ‘sector’ (i.e. shaping the software market or influencing national policy) aren’t realised; as it’s too hard to align and collaborate at any sense of scale
- We aren’t connecting up effectively at a regional place-level; limiting the amount of place-based and local innovation that can take place or data exchange beyond single organisations

