

Local Information Systems in an age of austerity

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The next 45 minutes

- Three thoughts
 - Less national infrastructure (but increasing levels of information)
 - Increasing need for local intelligence
 - Influencing decisions and actions
- Discussion

1) Less national infrastructure

- “if central government is everywhere, then local decision-making is nowhere”, Greg Clarke
- Government as funder and regulator
 - Removal of inspection and targets
 - Increased local financial control (?)
- Commitment to “open up government”
 - How money is spent, and how effectively spent
 - More (and more) data

Open data and transparency – an aside

Political will to release data
+ *Technologies to re-use data*

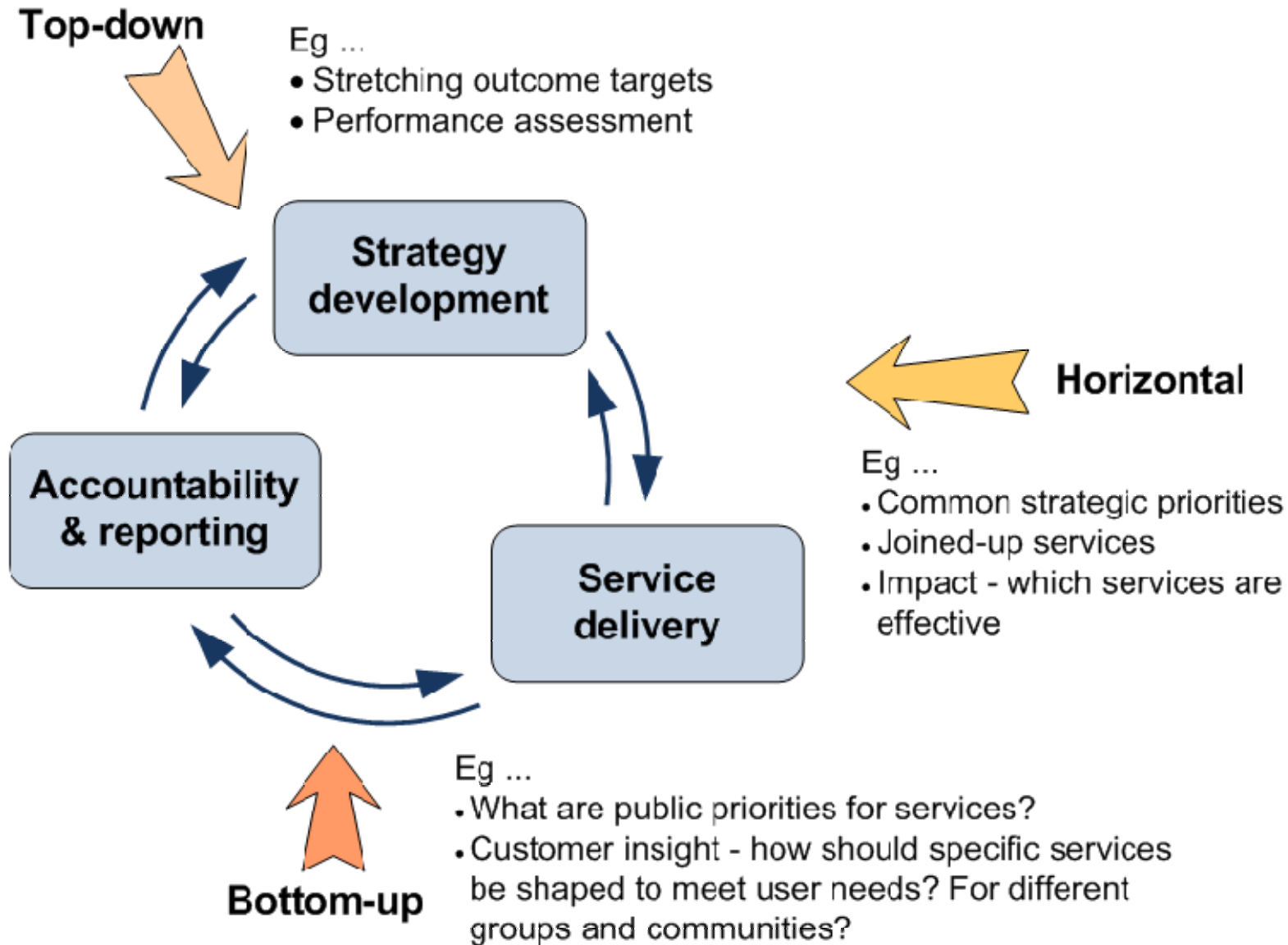
= *Better public services*

- True or False? Anything else needed?

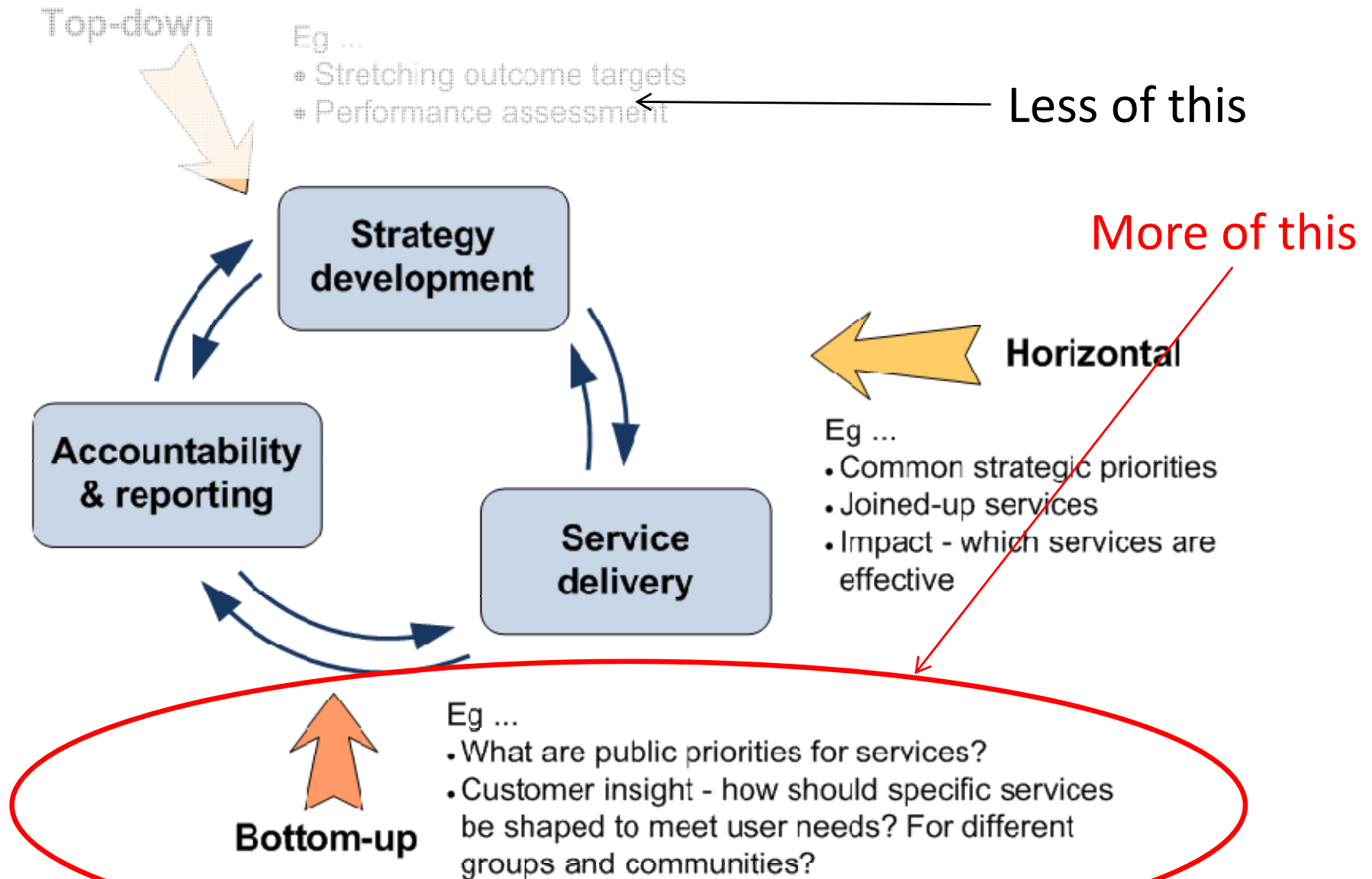
1) Less national infrastructure part 2

- National systems and support disappearing
 - Hub, Places Analysis Toolkit, Floor Targets, State of the Cities
 - Regional ONS stats, Local Improvement Advisors
- Going soon?
 - ONS 10% cut per year, consultation on future priorities – future of Neighbourhood Statistics?
 - Regional observatories?
 - Less information in ‘easy-to-read’ format – government is not about websites

2) Increasing need for local intelligence



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3) Influencing decisions and actions

- Value of information and research = influence on local decisions and actions
- Training/ skills development
- “good decisions depend on the skills and knowledge of those who have been empowered”, Kirsteen Thomson (SCEN)

Discussion

- What has been done in your area (with your LIS) to **influence decisions and actions** ?
 - 10 minutes
 - 3 points from each table (write on 3 post-its)
- One thing that you would like to do that would **give most value** to your communities?
 - 5 minutes
 - 1 point (write on post-it)

What next?

- Stick your post-its on the wall
- Take a couple of minutes over lunch to look at, and tick your favourite
- We'll summarise on the way home, and send out information tomorrow
- **Lunch!**



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