

# Designing online social security for the future – into the 'wild'

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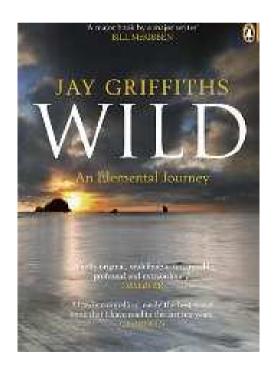
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#### Into the 'wild'

"You must have chaos in your soul to give birth to a dancing star" Nietzsche quoted in:







#### Planting the Flag: a strategy for ICT-enabled local public services reform

Executive summary





#### Three core principles:

### *Innovate*



Redesign

**Collaborate** 







#### What I want to cover:

Collaboration, re-design, innovation in designing online social security for the future:

- Policy issues
- Delivery issues
- > ICT issues





#### Tomorrow's Public Services (Socitm *Insight*)

- > self-service
- > shared services, including shared technology
- > flexible working as the norm rather than the exception
- capitalising on mobile devices
- services re-designed as end-to-end processes, minimising human intervention and physical 'handoffs'
- > information available, accessible and reliable
- > new delivery vehicles, such as cooperatives
- coordinated responses to a single issue by multiple agencies





#### Collaboration – policy

- What are the outcomes being sought?
- Housing costs?
- Council Tax benefit?
- Clarity over respective roles of DWP, HMRC, CLG, LAs, Third Sector
- Risk assessment





#### Collaboration – delivery

- 'Chaotic' lives
- Engaging key stakeholders
- > Engaging people:
  - benefits staff
  - peripatetic nurses LG and third sector
  - social workers LG and third sector
  - citizens
  - etc etc





#### Collaboration – ICT

- Agile business model and/or ICT systems development
- LG practitioners
- > LG ICT community
- Third sector
- > Suppliers





#### Re-design - policy

- Flexibility in the policy approach
- Methodology/mindset
  - Agile
  - business value, outcomes focused, approach, with 'citizen at the centre'
- Channels access, inclusion and transition
- Delivery model







#### Re-design - delivery

- Who will deliver the front and back-office services?
  - DWP online
  - Housing costs/benefits
  - Council Tax Benefit
- Will LAs and Third Sector be able to act as contractors for the service?
- Transitioning delivery
- Mediated delivery
- Performance monitoring





#### Re-design - ICT

- Core system
- Linkages:
  - identity management and other standards
  - data protocols between DWP and LAs re. accreditation of data
  - who will validate private sector tenancy information?
  - what will be the payment vehicle?
  - positioning wrt other online information/systems
  - social media
- transitioning legacy information and systems



#### Innovation - policy

- Policy development:
  - key stakeholder engagement
  - citizen engagement
- Linkages policy delivery:
  - welfare reform
  - 'Localism'
  - 'Big Society'





#### Innovation - delivery

- Lack of transparency:
  - business case
  - project plan
  - deliverables
- Opportunities for co-production and codelivery
   e.g. electronic marketplace for social and health care – citizens as 'data controllers' – linked to Universal Credit



#### **Innovation - ICT**

- > ICT to enable personalisation
- > Suppliers
- Developer communities
- > Technologies



#### **Conclusions**

- Strong central drive
- > Agile approach
- Invitation to the wild places!
- > SOLACE ..... Socitm, CIPFA, IRRV
- > Frontline staff
- Citizens
- > Innovators







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