

# Accountable body roles, challenges, and approaches

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# Lincolnshire context

- 3 coterminous LAGs
- LCC Managing partner in all three
- 3 x LAG Managers
- 2 x Funding Assistants
- Funding and Regeneration Team
- History of funding accountability

ESF cofinancing organisation, ERDF action plan, Leader II and Leader+

# Managing partner or accountable body ?

- **Managing partner**

Administering the appraisal, monitoring, claims process

- **Accountable body**

Deliver strategy, meaningful projects, realising meaningful project quickly

- **Using (not losing) funding**

- **Relationship with RDA**

Culture of relationship –grant giving body or strategic partner ?

# Relationships: RDA

- RDA or RDA/RPA/DEFRA ?

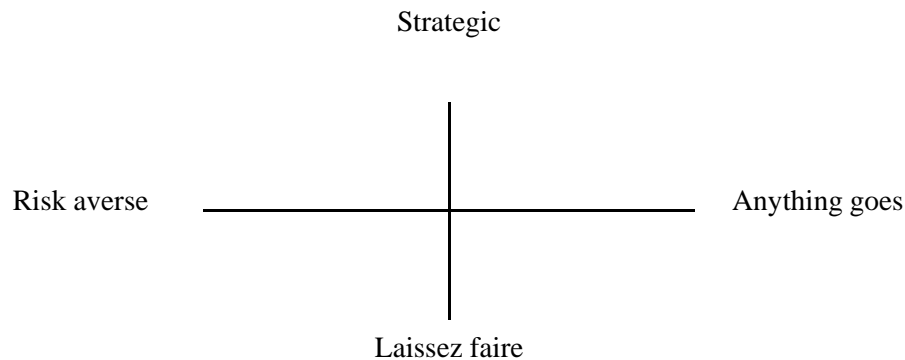
Ways of gaining access to RPA and DEFRA

- Service head/programme manager/desk officer

What drives the programme ? Back to the culture of the relationship...

- Paperwork review –accessibility
- Tiers of process –accelerating spend
- “Team Rural” roles -empowerment

# Relationships: LAG



- Chairmanship
- Programme issues
- Wider socio economic issues
- 5 key questions about projects

# Added value

- **Relationship with RDA**  
enterprise/innovation, rural, single programme
- **ERDF/New Growth Points/HLF bids**
- **Rural Communities and Businesses**  
(Inspection regime)
- **Bespoke rural activity v mainstreaming**

# Conclusions

- Managing partner/accountable body definitions
- Programme and applicant benefits to streamlining processes
- LAGs' programme management role
- We think –and do- rural