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From Telecities to Intelligent Cities (IntelCities)

- Transforming cities, transforming lives
- Pool experience and expertise from across Europe
- New e-Government Interoperability Framework (eGIF)
- E-City Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
- New business models PPPs/social enterprises
- New public assets and city trading networks



Manchester's Strategic Development of ICT

How did Manchester get involved - key milestones:

- Review of the City's Economic Development Strategy in 1989
- Information Society adds new challenges to urban regeneration
- Changing the image of Manchester creativity and innovation
- Three linked elements to the City's Strategic Framework for ICT
 - central to regeneration externally facing bring local benefit
 - transformation of services internal infrastructure
 - human resources developing skills and confidence at all levels



Manchester's image and reputation

- the 'original, modern' city
- from 'dirty old town' to 'theatre of dreams'
- importance of creative and cultural assets sport/music
- strong virtual presence e-Manchester changes people's perceptions of the real place
- importance of e-tourism through new e-services provided by creative, cultural and community networks
- e-visitors become real visitors and potential investors







Tackling the Digital Divide

Contradictions and challenges:

- innovation and growth sitting side by side with continuing deprivation
- advanced digital applications but most local people don't use them
- need to connect opportunities of knowledge economy with local needs
- existing infrastructures unavailable to many facing social exclusion
- bridging the digital divide is essential for sustainable development



Exclusion = social + digital + financial

- Financial exclusion was the biggest problem
- Creative thinking needed use credit unions for 'buy in'
- Infrastructure exclusion, e.g. 25% of households in East Manchester no longer used telephone landlines
- New delivery systems needed, e.g. wireless broadband
- New structures to deliver these, such as social enterprises
- Citizen-led e-services are needed
- Citizens as active producers of content not just passive consumers



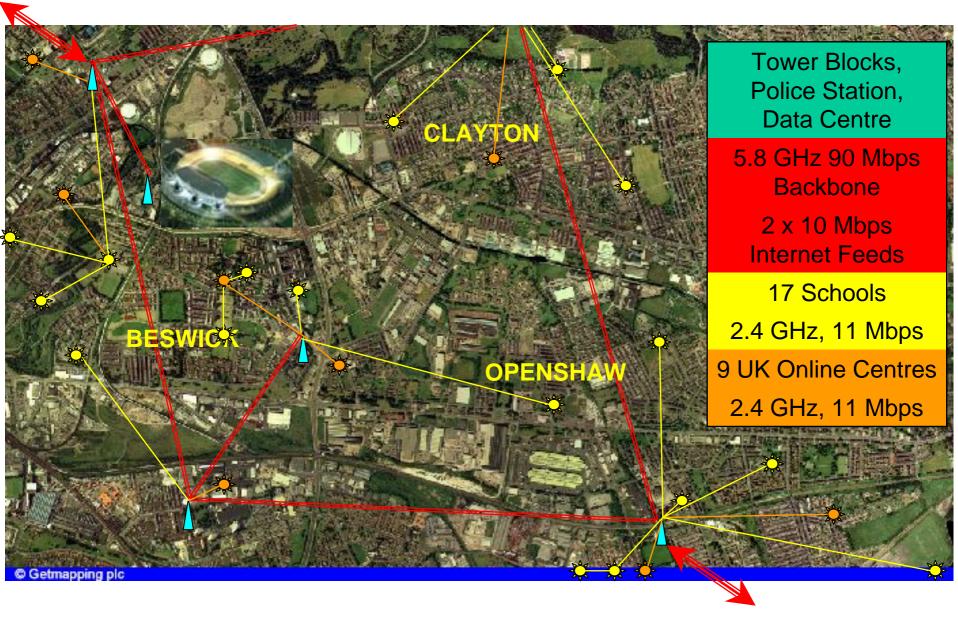
Lessons learnt to date

- Social innovation is as important as technological innovation
- Importance of the voluntary sector in developing local initiatives
- From Electronic Village Halls to Electronic Neighbourhoods
- Access and training are crucial and ongoing
- Content production and new e-services are increasingly important
- Building and renewing partnerships is a continuing process
- Experience of East Manchester building a digital 'New Town'
- Sustainability remains the key challenge



Social innovation + digital innovation

- Reversing the decline of inner urban areas
- East Manchester: 100,000+ people to less than 30,000 in 40 years
- New East Manchester 'Sport City' and "New Town in the City"
- Being ambitious aim to have 60,000+ people by 2012
- Community engagement kit, connectivity and capacity building
- £200 for new PC, £60 for a refurbished PC 90% went for new
- Credit Union (CU) low-interest loans UK's fastest growing CU
- 350 households to 3,500 households and Stage 3 to 5,000+
- Internet access from 10% to 50%, broadband from 2% to 25%
- Currently 4,300 users and 1,400 have active wireless connections



East Manchester – Beswick, Clayton & Openshaw





Demonstrating real local benefit

Eastserve users are:

- More aware of employment opportunities
- Keen to get further IT training (more than one-third said this)
- More likely to take part in other education/training opportunities (45% had done this)
- More likely to be looking for fresh challenges (if seeking work)
- Much more likely to be planning to seek work (if currently out of work)
- More interested in running their own business and getting training to do this



Manchester's 'Digital Challenge'

- Reaching a critical mass extending the Eastserve model
- City-wide basis (25,000+ households) city-region (250,000+)
- Media convergence Web portals to community based IPTV
- Future-proofed infrastructure synergy fibre and wireless
- Fibre To Thewhere??...Home/Door/Street??
- Promoting new business models PPPs and social enterprises
- Also opening new markets for 'Cities as Businesses'
- Creating and sustaining jobs in the networked digital economy
- Ensuring that local people have the skills to access to these



Putting the 'e-' into regeneration – from 'connected communities' to 'intelligent cities' (lessons drawn from the EU IntelCities Project)

- need to improve urban governance and sustainability
- improve communication administrations, citizens and businesses
- develop new city information infrastructures
- exploit new public assets with innovative business models
- new potential for PPPs and social economy enterprises
- local people and businesses active producers of content and services
- capture and share experience across Europe and globally

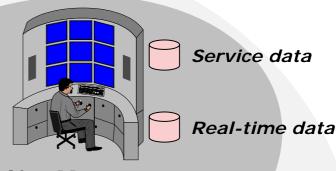
e-City Vision for enhanced governance



Citizens family, old people, disabled people etc.



e-City Platform enables INTEGRATED INFORMATION **PROCESSING** providing **BUSINESS**



City Management Services Set



Customers



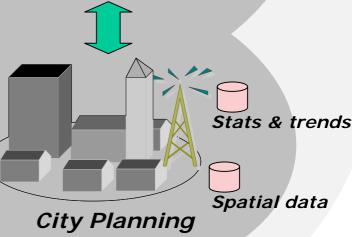
Businesses companies, professionals, transport service. etc.



Non-Governmental **Organisations** Friends of the Earth. Human rights etc.



Services Set



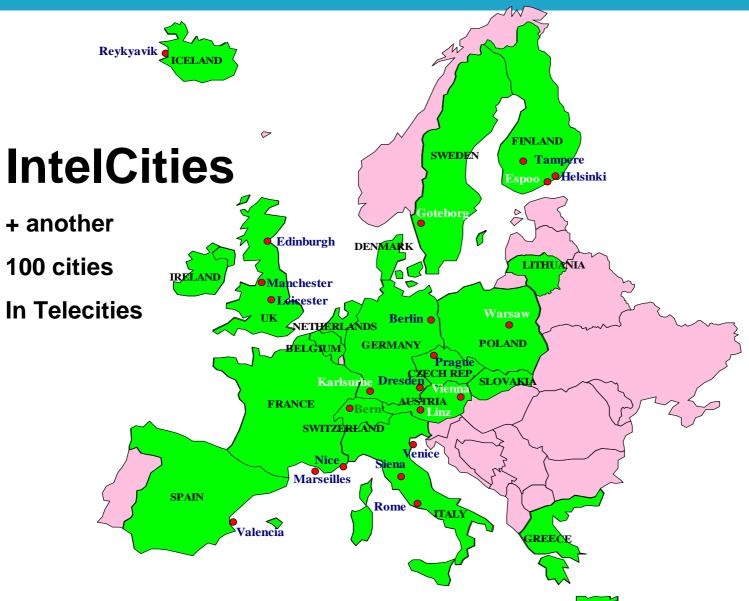
Intelcities will create and integrate a set of innovative, egovernment services that will improve the management and planning of cities through business intelligence, leading to higher quality, more sustainable urban environments, delivered via the e-city platform



Emerging markets in Europe and beyond

- New EU member states and other countries in CEE
- International initiatives Intelligent Communities Forum
- Support to enable cities to avoid 're-inventing the wheel'
- Recognition of strands of specialist expertise where countries are 'leapfrogging' the innovation process
- Role of trans-European networks and projects and EU funding programmes – e-TEN, FP7, Structural Funds
- The work of the IntelCities Alliance Consortium with support from Telecities and Eurocities
- Cisco Local Government e-Leaders Forum







Where now?

- Make something happen a 'leap of faith' - like Amsterdam or San Francisco
- Mix together social entrepreneurs with business entrepreneurs
- Marry together the best of wireless with the best of fibre
- <u>Mellow</u> and think imaginatively about sustainability





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- MDDA www.manchesterdda.com
- Manchester regeneration initiatives: East Manchester www.eastserve.com Wythenshawe www.wythit.com
- Manchester Community Information Network (MCIN) www.mcin.net
- EU IntelCities project www.intelcitiesproject.com
- Telecities <u>www.telecities.org</u> or Eurocities <u>www.eurocities.org</u>



