

Achievements at Planning Committee North (PCN)

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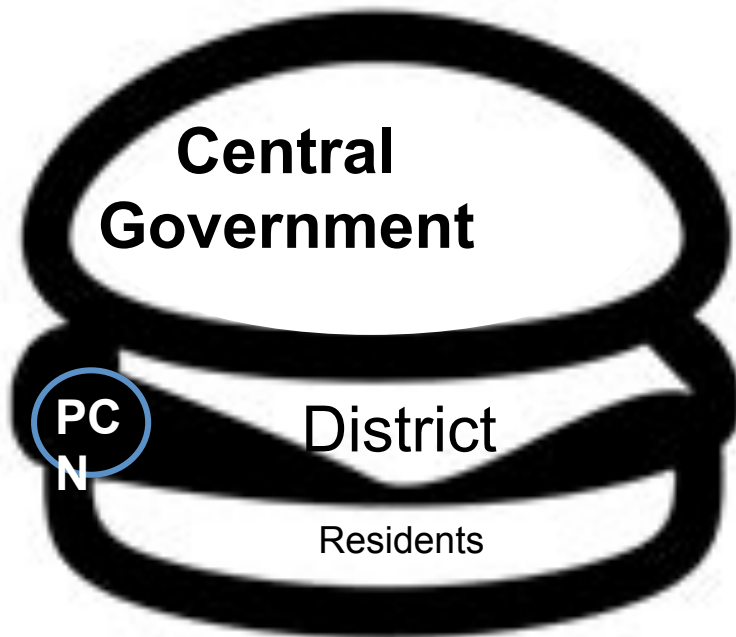
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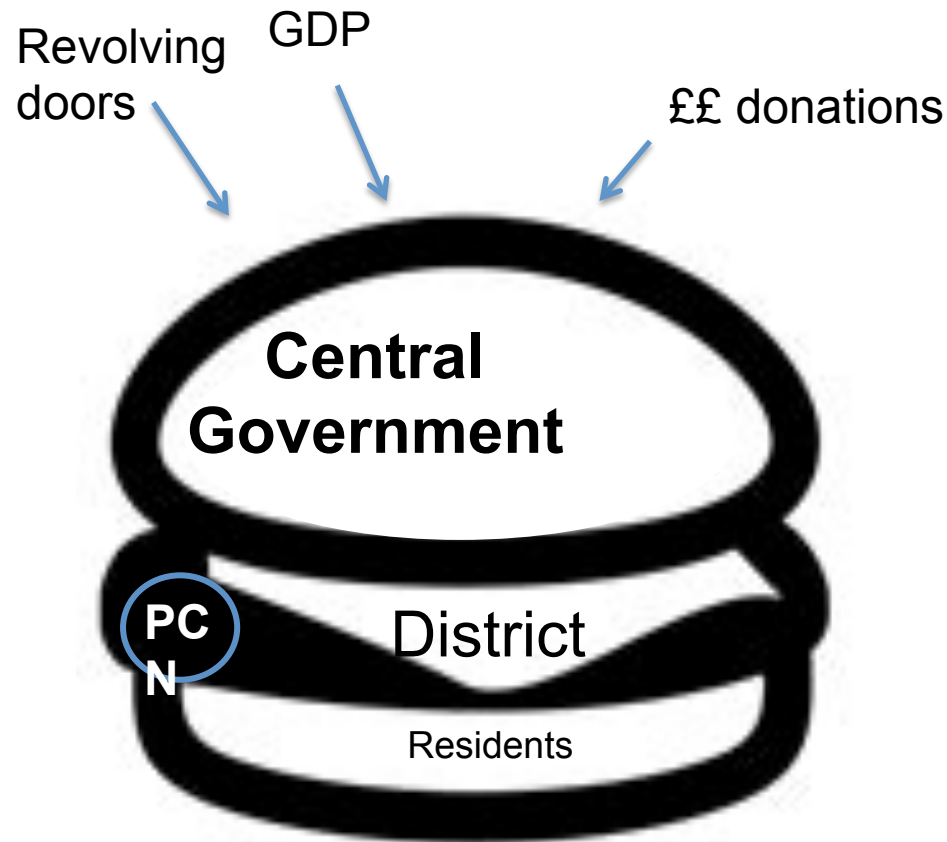
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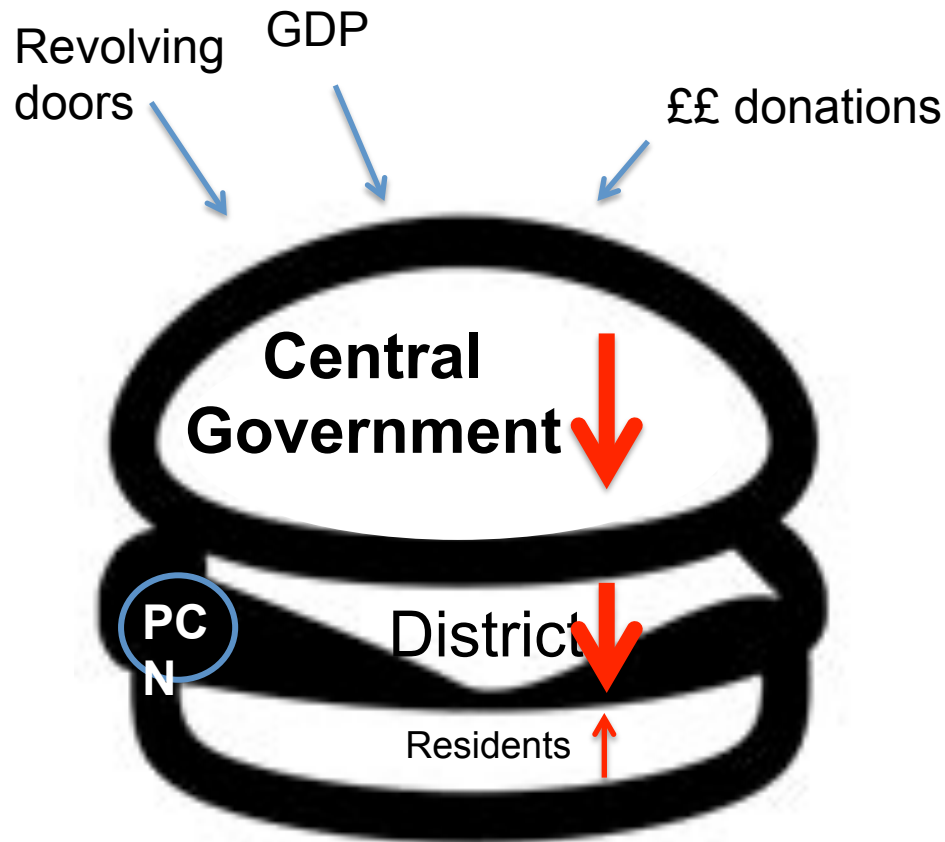
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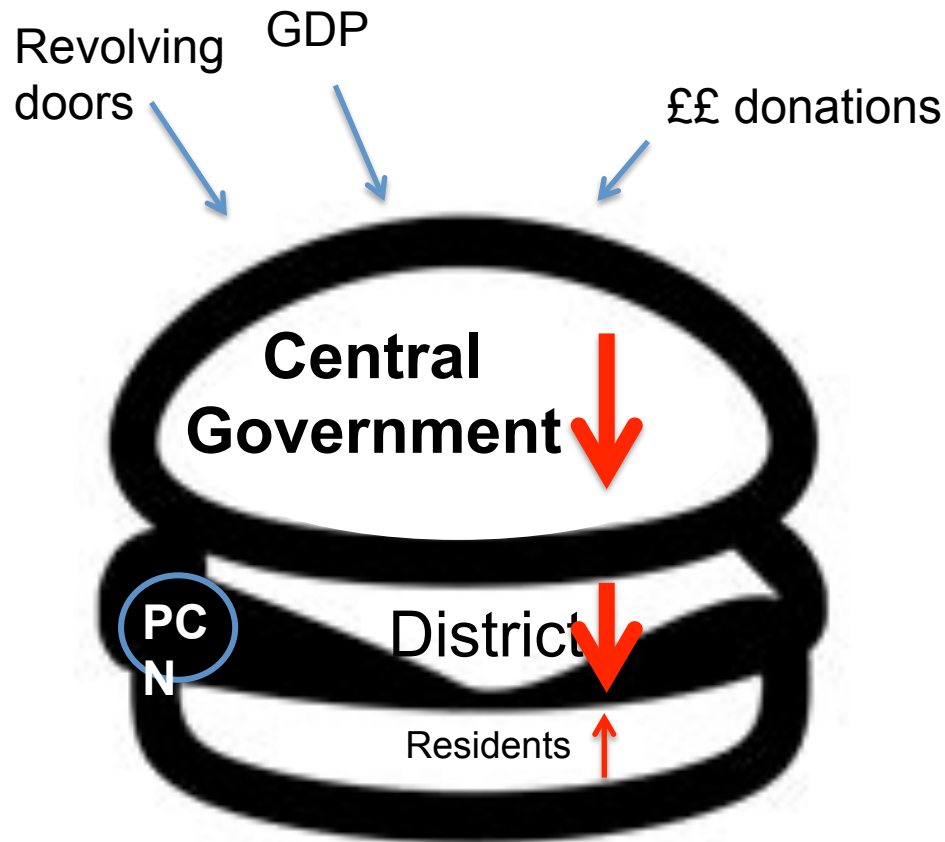


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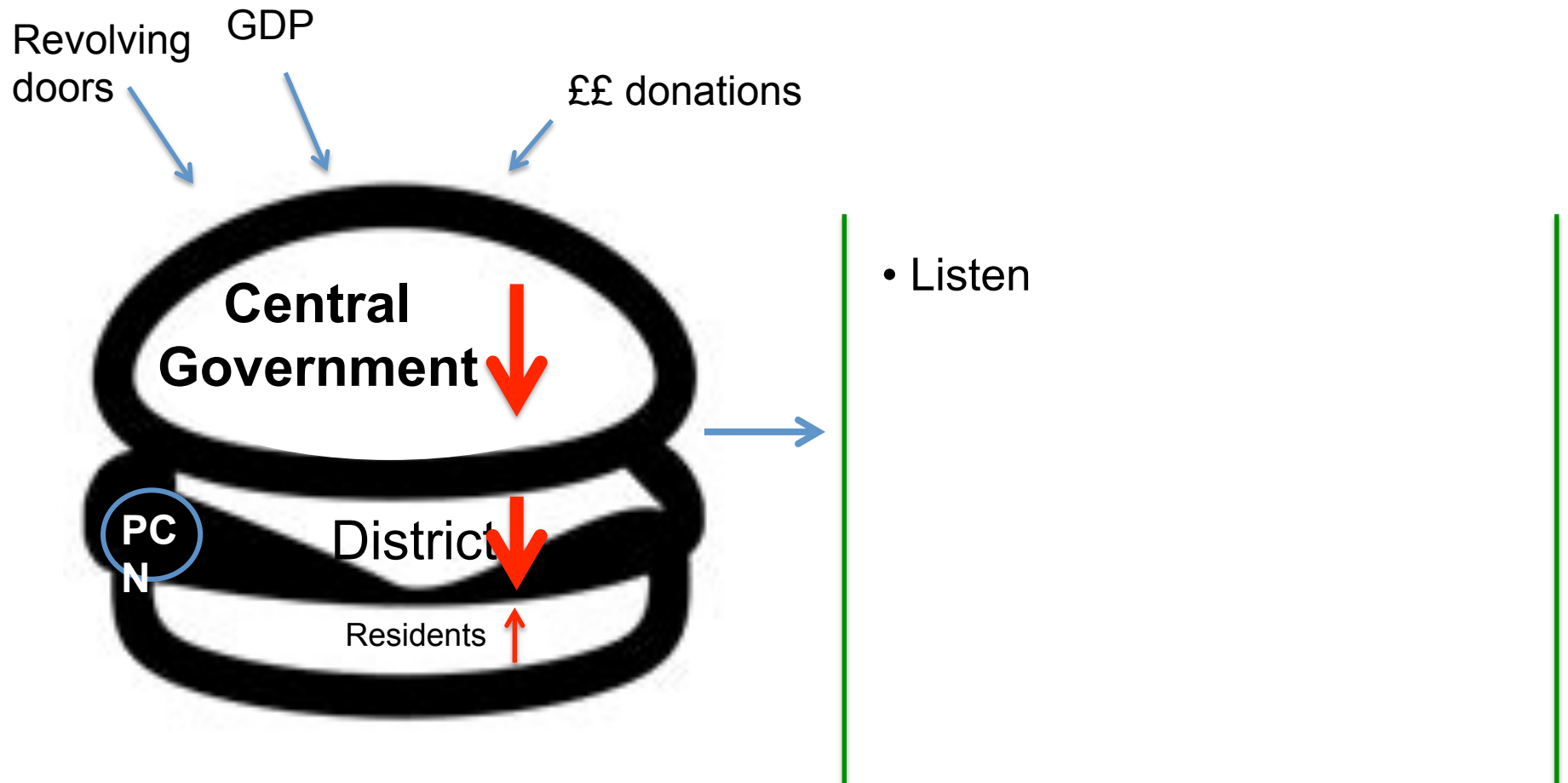
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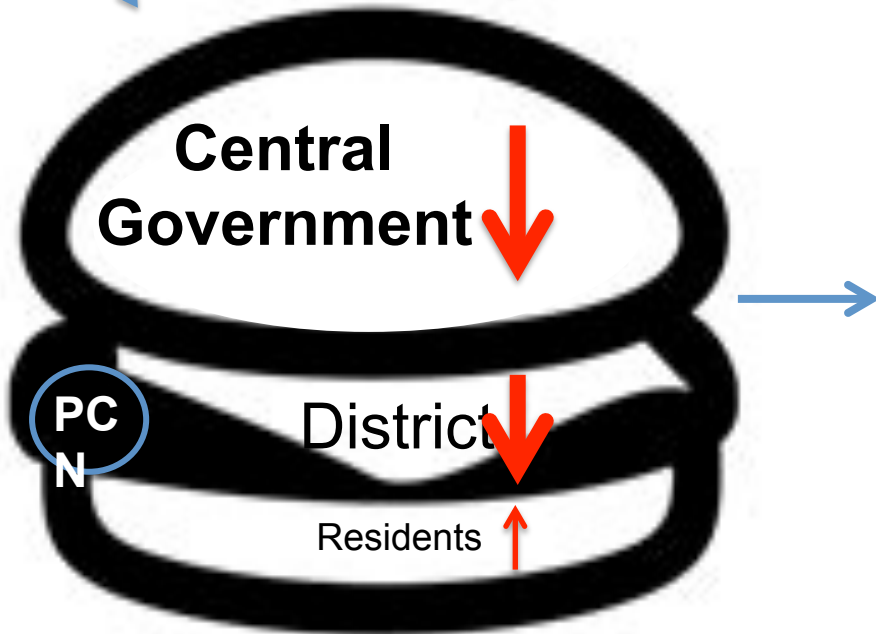
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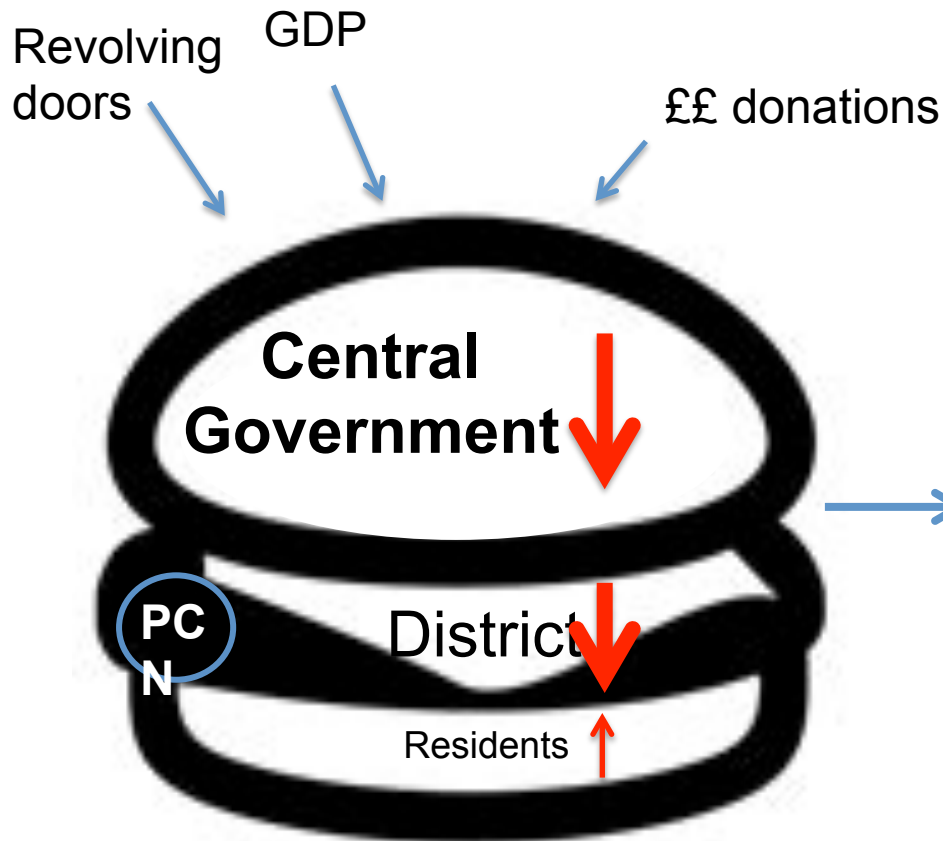
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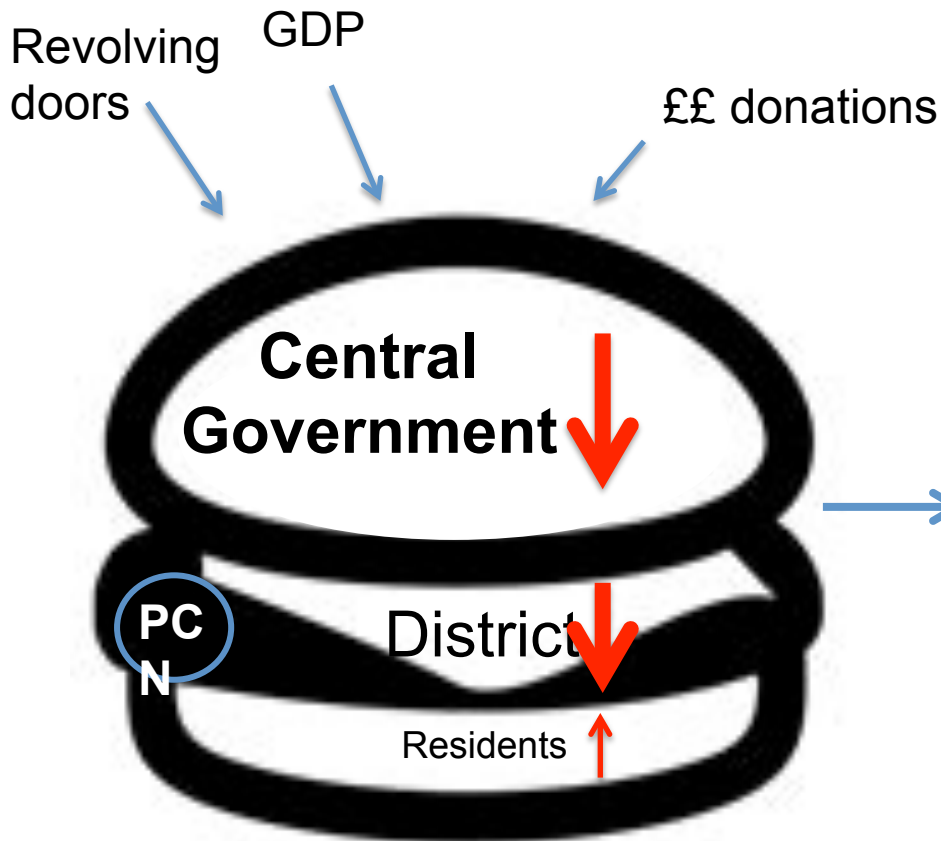
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LOCAL ELECTIONS



NATIONAL ELECTION

Conclusion

- Success at PCN in changing the dynamics
- District delivers on national policy but still has agency
- Urgent action at local and national levels
- **We deserve much better!**

Condition

- The dwellings hereby permitted shall be constructed to achieve 33% betterment in regulated CO2 emissions, compared to compliance with the building regulations 2010 and a water efficiency target of 95 litres/property/day. No occupation of dwellings shall be permitted until details of how these measures have been achieved have been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. (Papworth 2020)

Another condition...

“Before construction of any foundations for the development hereby approved, details of energy efficiency measures, the promotion of renewable energy and sustainable construction within the development shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and thereafter so retained.”

(Inspector Cliff)