

Herts Association of
School Governors

Current Issues and Recent Developments

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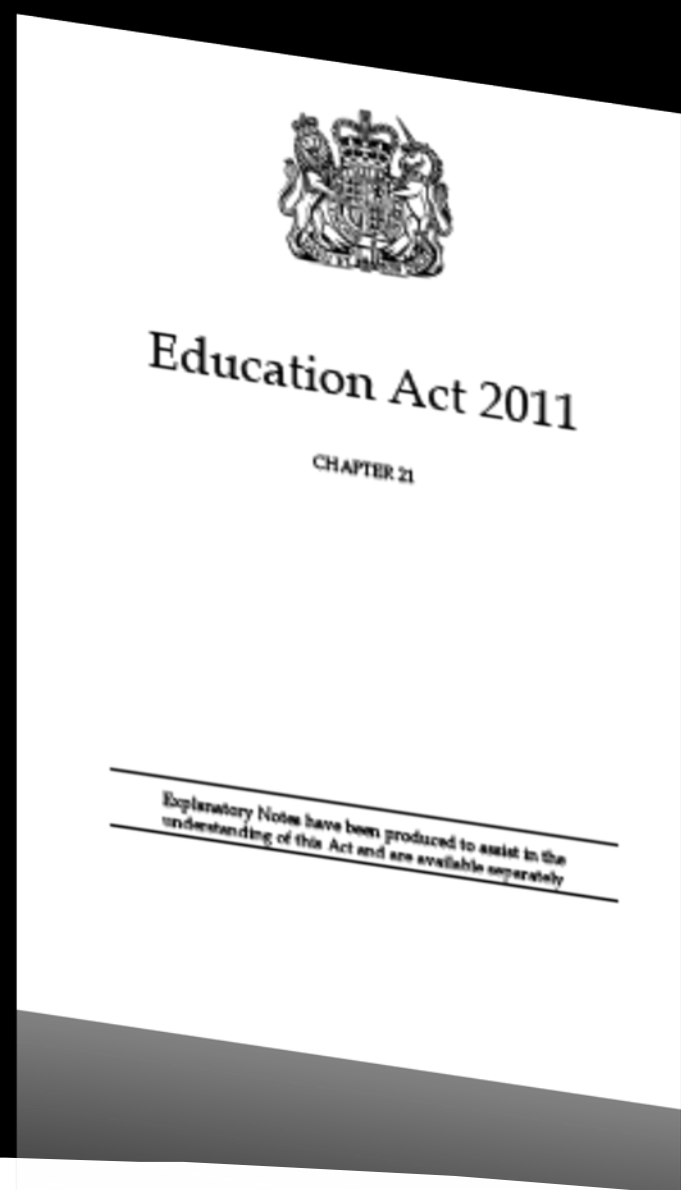


1. The Education Act
2. SMB - a new Chief Executive
3. The academies programme
- an update
4. A developing inspection
framework
5. A perfect storm for schools?
6. SSE - A possible 'schools
company'



1. The Education Act

- Champions for parents, children and families
- Commissioner of school places
- Securing or providing services for vulnerable children
- Discretion to provide school improvement services



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2. Introducing you're new Chief Executive!



3. Academies Update

Secondary 32

Primary 4

Middle 2

In the process of converting:

Secondary 17

Primary 8

All Through 1

Special 3

Middle 1



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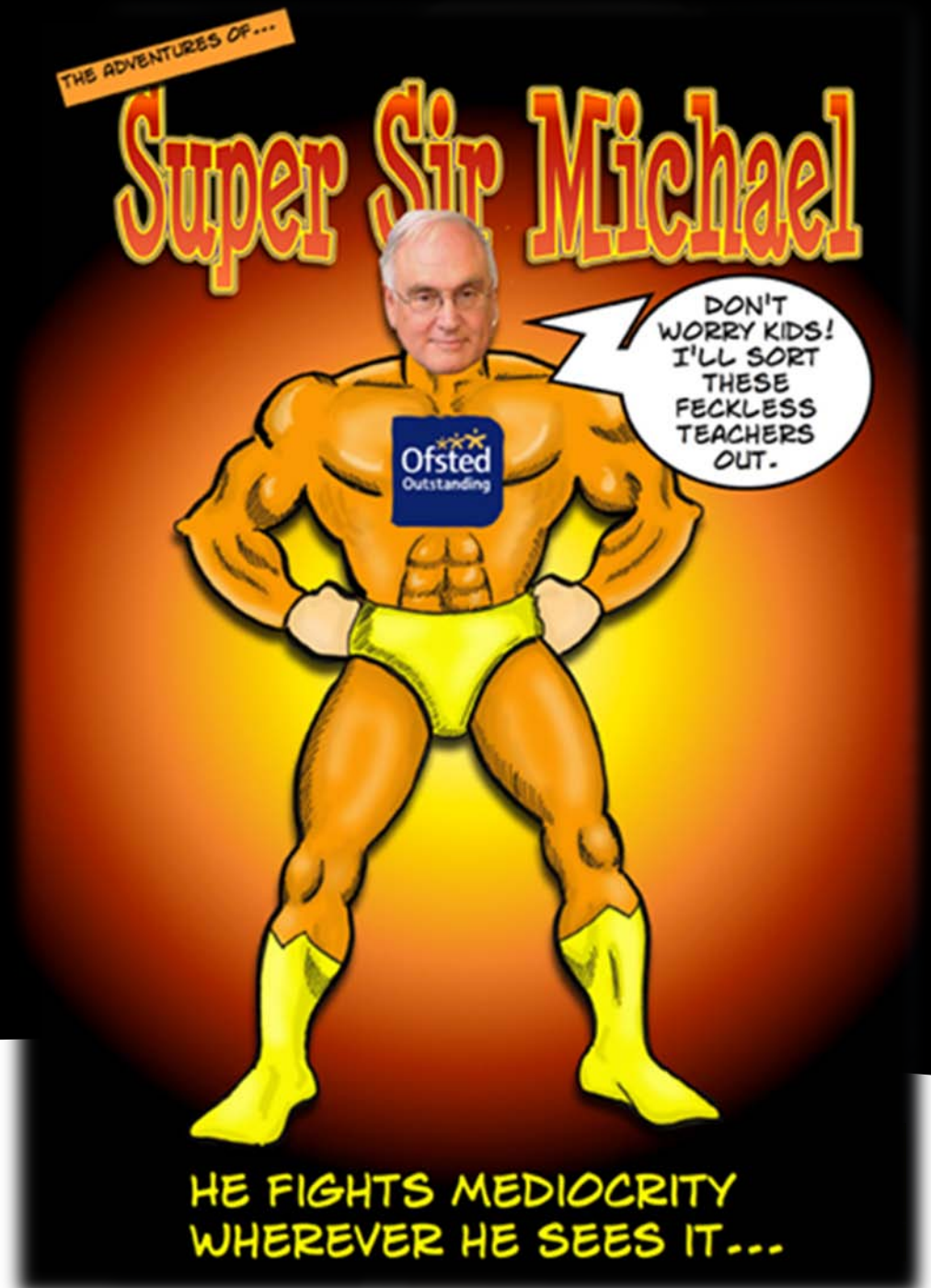
Once all converted:

Secondary	49	66%
Primary	12	3%
All Through	1	
Special	3	
Middle	3	
Total	68	13%



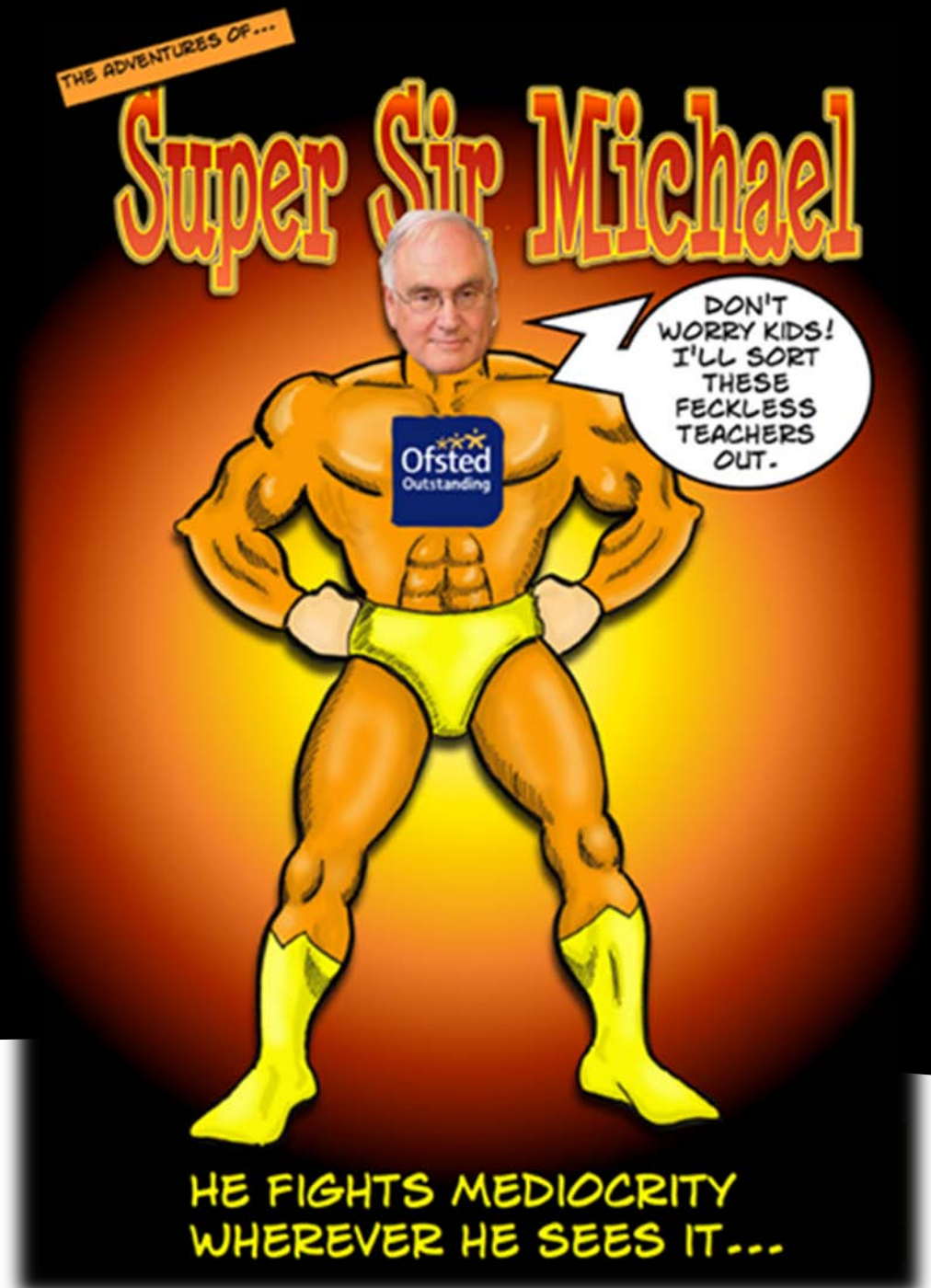
4. Inspection Regime

- Outstanding, good, requires improvement, special measures
- Schools requiring improvement inspected with 18 months
- Schools not moving to good in two cycles to go into special measures



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- Outstanding schools to have outstanding teaching
 - 31 Herts schools
- Unannounced inspections
- Opening page sets out why the school is not yet outstanding
- 'Conscript' Headteachers



5. A Perfect Storm!

- A more demanding and aggressive inspection regime
- Floor targets raised
- Pressure on budgets
- Reduced central support from the LA
- Isolated schools/Heads



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Formal framework to preserve and protect Hertfordshire's approach to education

6. SSE - A Possible 'Schools Company'

1. Scaled Down In-House Service

- Current position
 - reduced service in size and scope
- One option for schools within a diverse and competitive market
- Providing services direct to schools but with an increasing brokerage role
 - increased school on school support
- Provision will differ between primary and secondary phases



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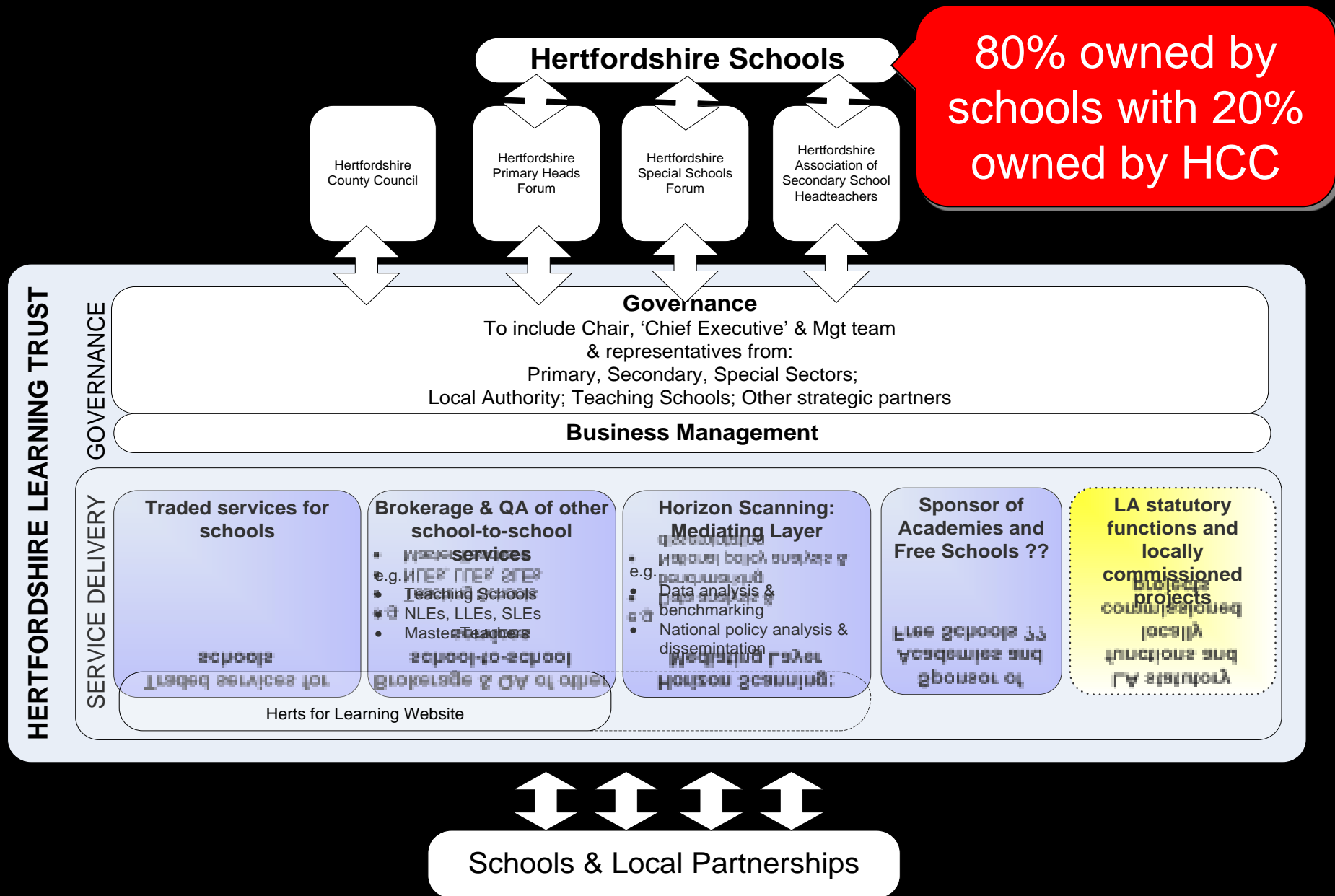
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3. Arms Length Company

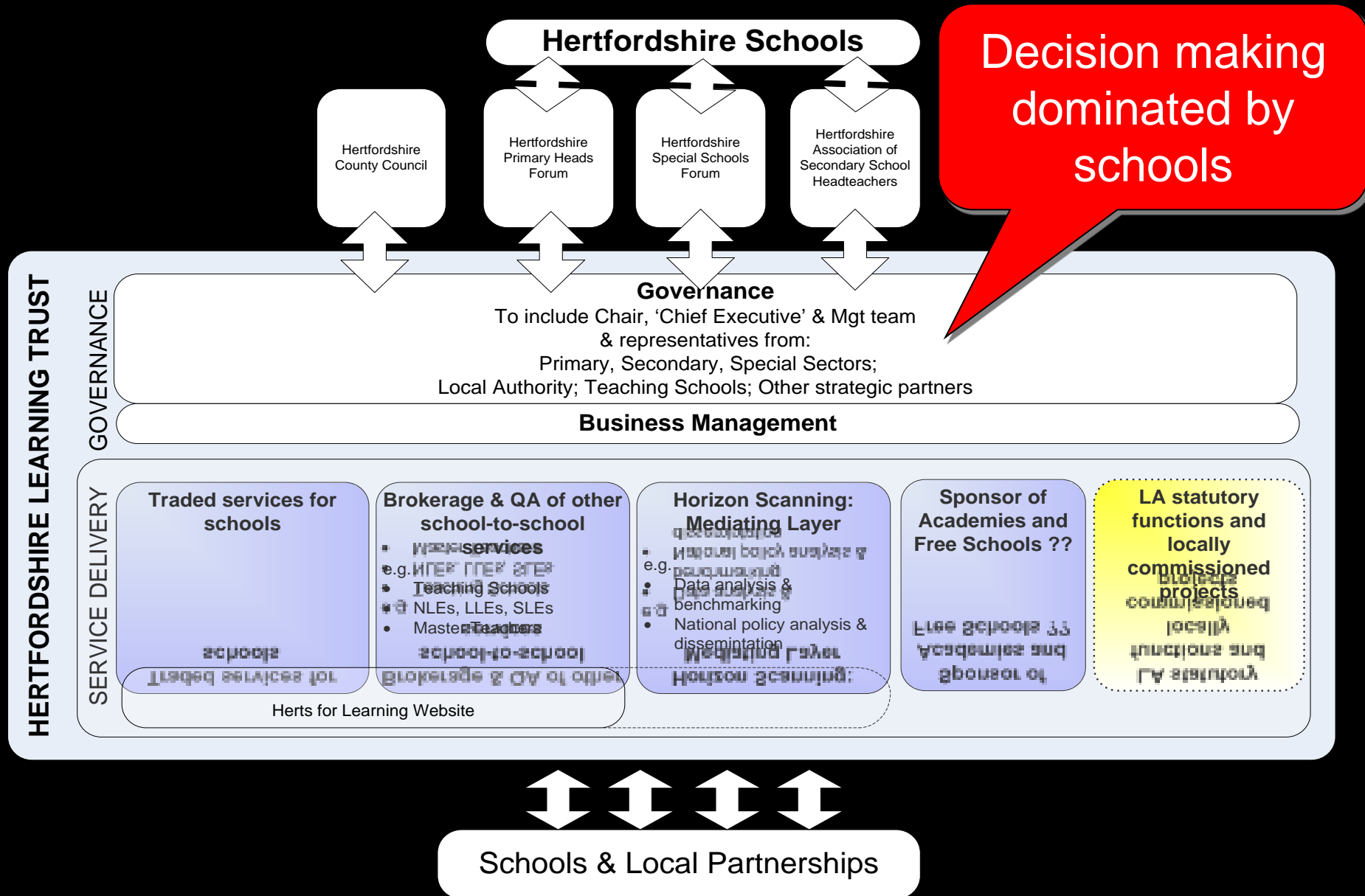
- Owned largely by schools
- Driven and influenced by schools
- Commissioned to deliver some statutory functions
- Trading across borders
- Limited to school support and improvement services



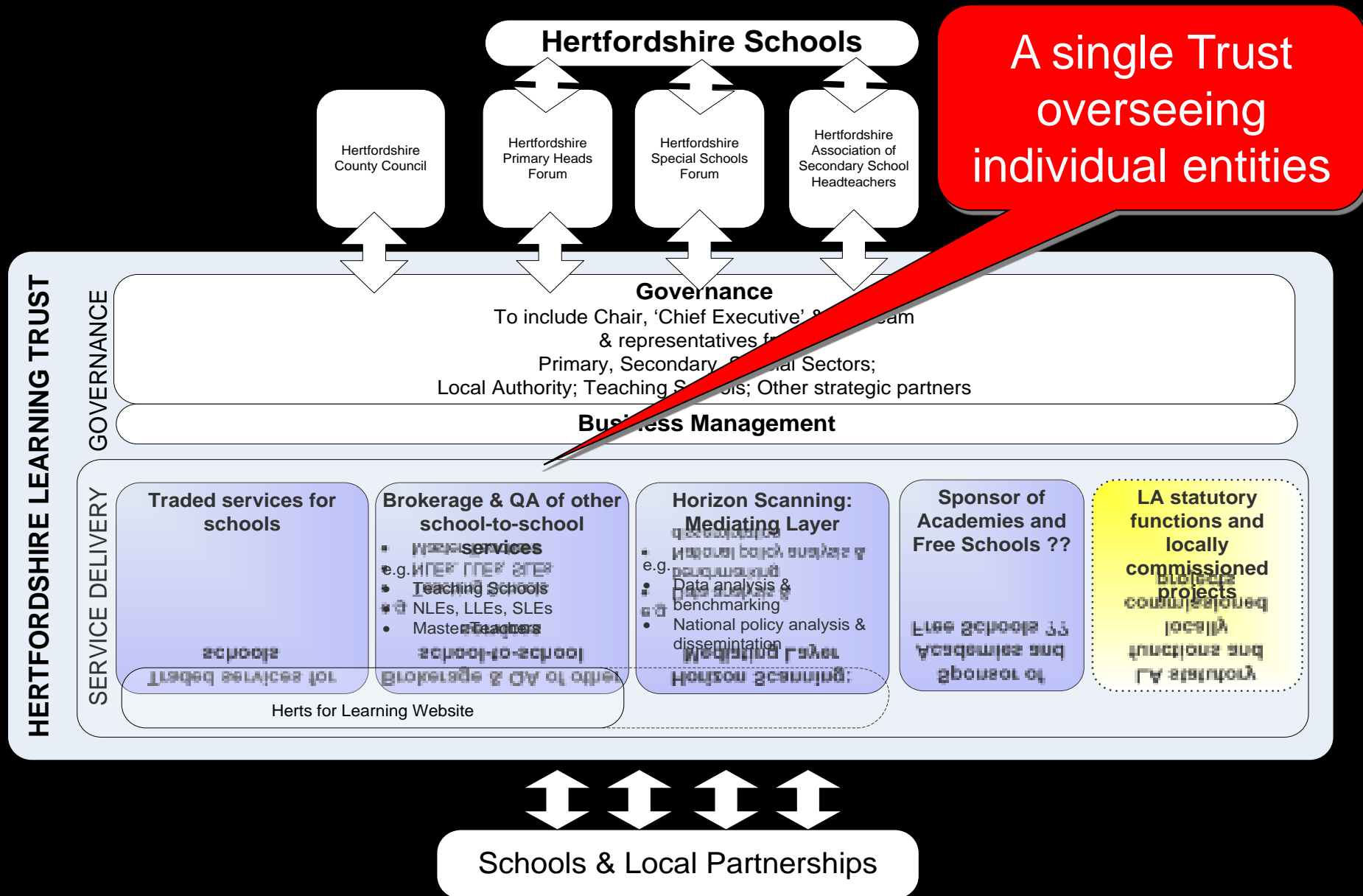
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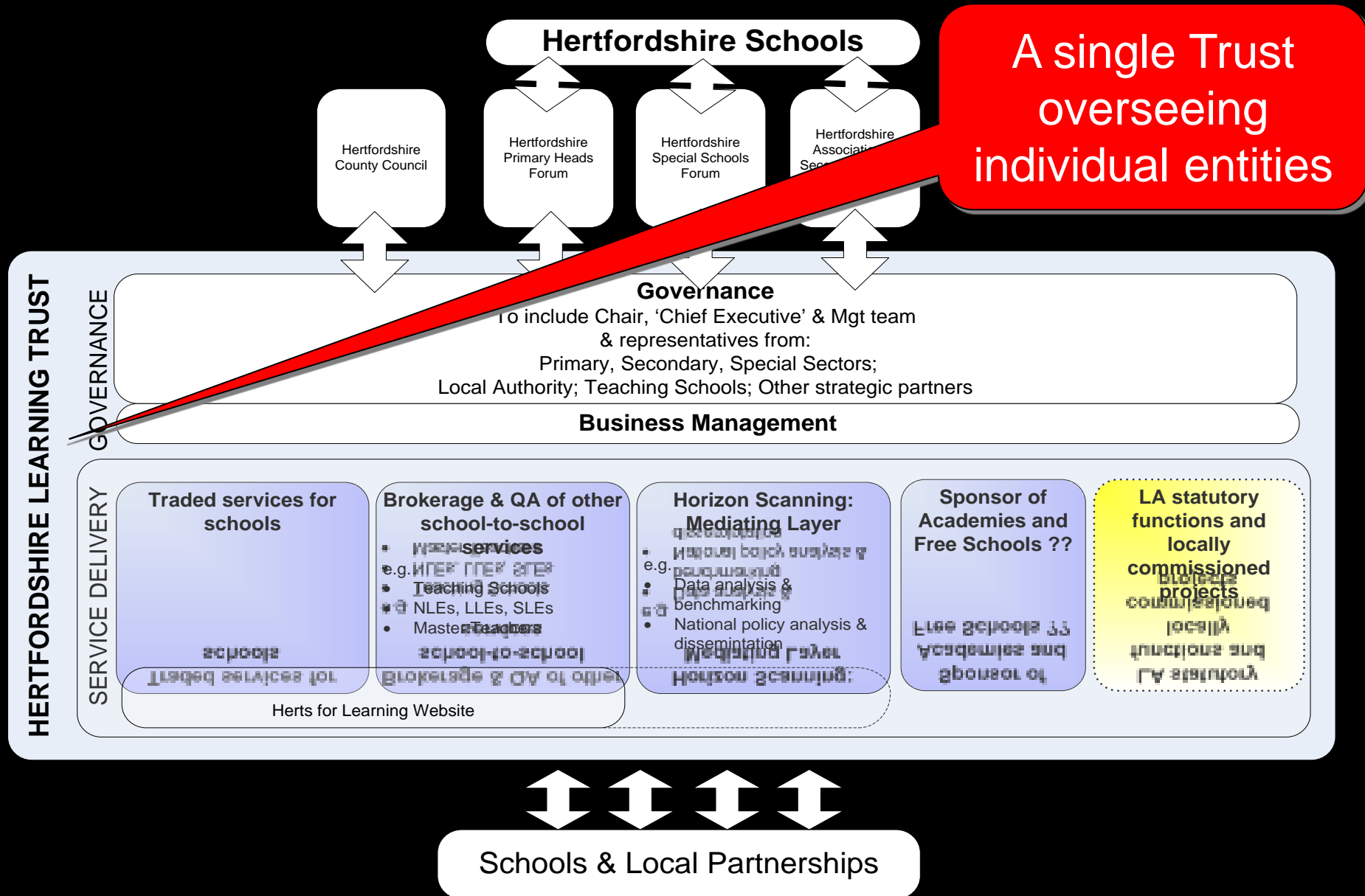
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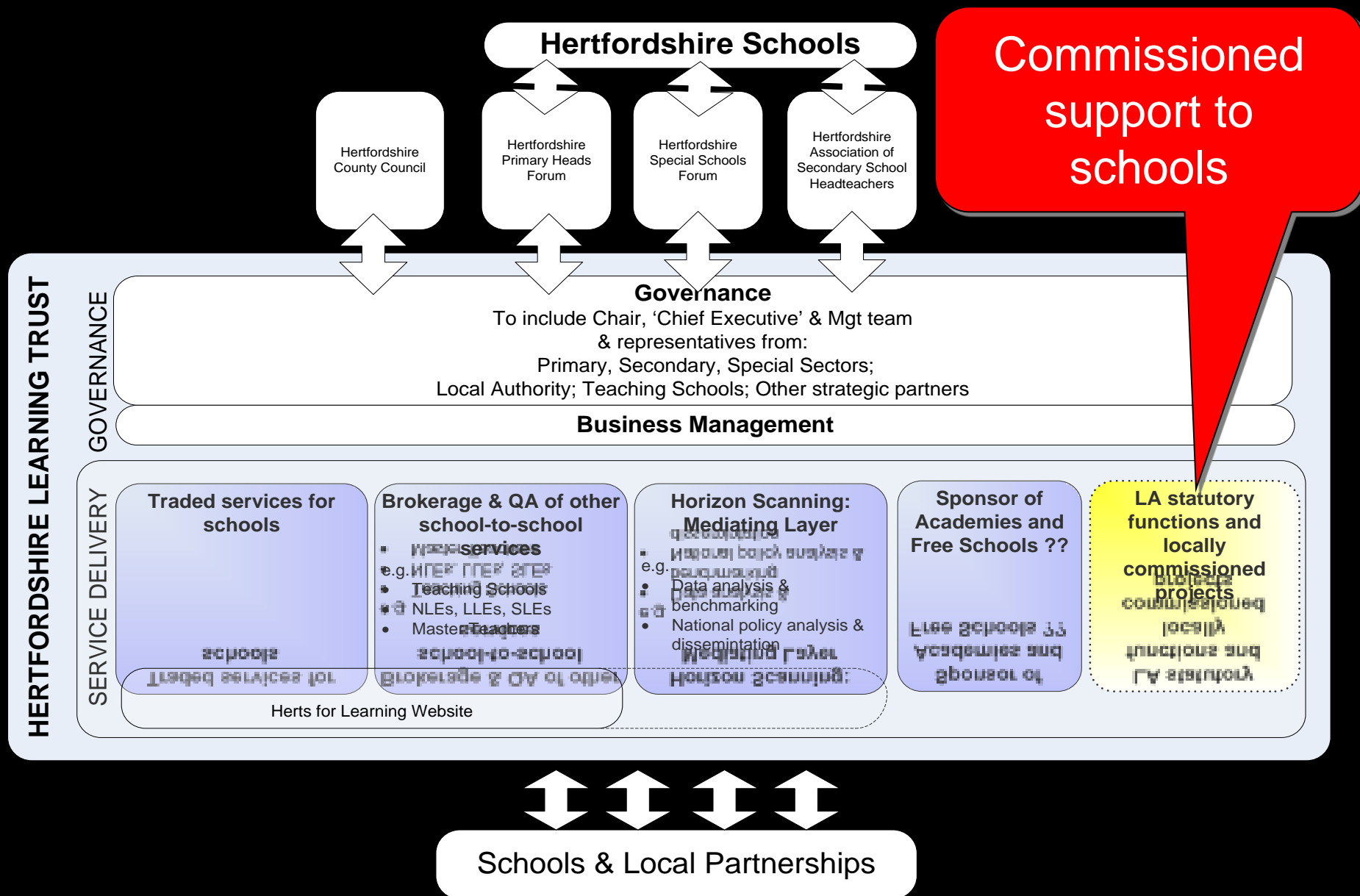
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