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# Coping with the Cuts? The Management of the Worst Financial Settlement in Living Memory

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strategies has shifted between the early and later phases of austerity and considers the extent to which the evidence of the case studies provide support for either the survival or marginalisation narrative. The paper concludes by arguing that a third narrative – responsibilisation – captures more fully the trajectory of local government in England.

Key Words:

- Austerity
- coalition
- poor communities
- localism

## Notes

1. This paper reports some of the findings from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation funded project Serving Deprived Communities in a Recession.
2. A Scottish case study is also being conducted as part of the bigger project.
3. These were tackled in the context of a council-sponsored Fairness Commission which aimed to be informed by wider considerations of fairness:

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/socialrenewal/engagement/fairnesscommission/documents/fairnessreport.pdf>

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5. A ‘room’ to cover towards employment, with the short-term support of growth.



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