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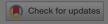
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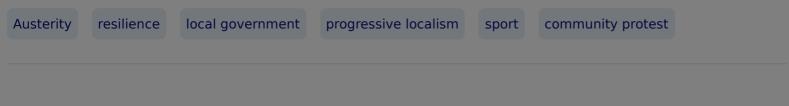
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localism. The leisure trust's success in managing cuts encouraged more, mirroring the

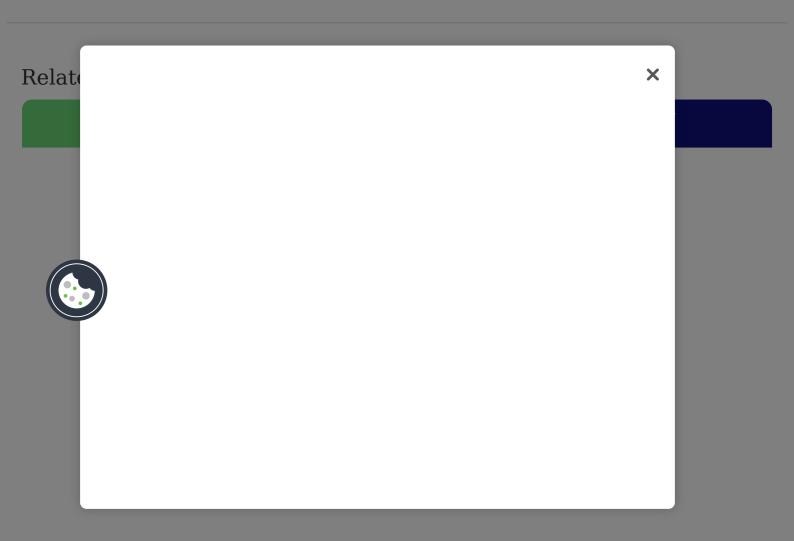
argument that, in resilient councils, councillors think the 'outer organisation' can be diminished without damaging the core. This accelerated neoliberal processes predating austerity. Apparent progressive localism from asset transfers downplays how, driven by financial savings, this empowered some middle-class individuals while deflecting attention from the state's withdrawal from promoting social justice. A campaign to save a leisure pool in a deprived area saw arguments for an ethical 'play' space to support community resilience. However, within neoliberalism's 'cracks and fissures', protestors encouraged council support for community management – later rescinded amidst much acrimony – for a facility they could never run progressively.

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