

Funding the Future

Local authorities are key to our recovery

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From my twitter account this morning, best read from the bottom up:

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 14m
The countries of the U.K. can address coronavirus, but only by working locally. Centralised neoliberalism has failed. Now we need local, community politics.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 14m
Local authorities were once the power house for housing, education, energy, transport and parts of health in this country. We have to imagine that possibility again. But that's only possible with local, accountable, proportional representation voting so everyone is included.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 15m
Local authorities must be at the core of this recovery. They must be better funded. Council tax must be made fair at top and bottom. Capital receipts must be released for spending. Voting must be transformed so they reflect local communities. And borrowing must be permitted.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 17m
The mayors of Northern cities are not being awkward when they are opposing the government. Nor are their demands for funding and local track and trace inappropriate. What they are saying is that the government has ideologically prevented the right coronavirus solutions.

Richard Murphy @RichardJMurphy · 18m
The reason that the UK is in a mess on Covid 19 is that the government is dedicated to neoliberal economics that demands the state be shrunk in size and the the private sector supply all solutions when it is clear only the state can address coronavirus.

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morning we have learned that the government has not been following the science on Covid 19. And, as I've argued, that @theIFS is not publishing objective economic commentary now, but manifestos for banks. Could there be a connection? Maybe it's neoliberal economics?