

TOWARDS A DANISH CONCEPT OF PUBLIC GOVERNANCE: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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"GETTING TO DENMARK"

WHY WOULD ONE WANT TO GO
ANYWHERE ELSE?

A DANISH PARADISE?

CONSENSUAL

ACCOUNTABLE

WELL - RESOURCED

WELL - STAFFED

DECENTRALIZED

FREE FROM CORRUPTION

THE CENTRAL PARADOX

- 1. CHANGE IS URGENTLY NEEDED**
- 2. WE MUST PRESERVE THE BASIC STRENGTHS OF OUR CAREFULLY - BUILT SYSTEM**

CHALLENGES: 1

**BETTER CO-ORDINATION (IN A STILL
DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM)**

CHALLENGES: 2

RESOURCE PRESSURES FOR HIGHER EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY (DENMARK AND SWEDEN ARE CURRENTLY THE WESTERN WORLD'S TWO MOST EXPENSIVE STATES)

CHALLENGES: 3

DEALING WITH A WORLD WHERE MORE
AND MORE ISSUES - EVEN 'LOCAL ISSUES'
TAKE ON AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

CHALLENGES: 4

COPING WITH AN ACCELERATION IN

- . SOCIAL CHANGE (E.G. IMMIGRATION, DRUGS, THE VERY OLD)**
- . TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE (E.G. ICTs, GENETIC ENGINEERING)**

CHALLENGES: 5

**EFFECTIVELY SERVING POLITICAL
LEADERS WHO THEMSELVES FACE A 'NEW POLITICS'**

- E.G.**
- MORE MEDIA, MORE INTRUSIVE MEDIA**
 - MORE EDUCATED AND SCEPTICAL PUBLIC**
 - MORE ISSUES HANDLED THROUGH THE
E.U., OR INTERNATIONALLY**
 - MORE PRESSURE, MORE SPEED, LESS TRUST**