LocalGovMVC Full Site Kit

Installing starter kits is a really good way of finding out how Umbraco ticks, but it can also be a frustrating experience. There are some things that the Umbraco package manager was never meant to do, that are really good for starter kits – and as a result sometimes the kit install is never quite as good as the site can be.

While the LocalGovMVC Starter kit attempts to fix things where it can it's not quite perfect and when you're starting out with Umbraco that can be frustrating.

To overcome this we've created a full site version of the kit. The full site version is just that it's a full version of Umbraco (with a local database) zipped up and plonked on the internet. You can down load this version point your local IIS at it and you will get the LocalGov site as we see it.

Full Site Kit Warnings

Installing a full site has its advantages but it also has its issues:

Local Database – you probably don't want to run your production sites from a SQL CE copy, but that's what's in the kit, by using SQL CE we can zip the whole thing up and send it to you but the performance doesn't scale to 1000s of users.

Usernames/Passwords – the username and password for the admin account are in this document. You don't want to put this kit on the internet, because everyone will know how to logon to it so

1. Change the password / rename the account
2. Don't put the site on the internet.

Umbraco Version: the Kit is running Umbraco 6.1.4 (not even the latest version now) as Umbraco upgrades this kit will not – you should upgrade if you ever turn this into something production.

You have been warned.

Installing and Using the Full site

The kit is a full site (inc database) in a zip file, if you point IIS at the unzipped folder it should 'just work':

1. Download the site zip file - http://jumoo.co.uk/resources/uLocalGovMVC_FullSite.zip
2. Unzip it somewhere
3. Point your local IIS at the folder
   a. Give the site a name
   b. Update your host file with the name of the site (e.g. 127.0.0.1 ulocalgov)
   c. Or use webmatrix*
4. Open your browser to the http://name-of-the-site/Umbraco/ to login
   a. Username: KitAdmin
   b. Password: jumoo
5. Enjoy

*I don't use WebMatrix, so it should work, but I don't have the detailed steps here.