

THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

Friday, 18 March 2022 at 09:00

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

AGENDA

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)
(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
(b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) | |
| 3 | Minutes of the Economic Prosperity Committee meeting held on 17 December 2021 | 3 - 10 |
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Notes

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THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER 2021 AT 9.00 AM AT GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT

(A denotes absent)

(A* denotes absent from the meeting but joined remotely, without voting rights)

Chairman – Councillor Ben Bradley MP – Nottinghamshire County Council

Mayor Andy Abrahams – Mansfield District Council

Councillor John Clarke – Gedling Borough Council - A

Councillor Simon Greaves – Bassetlaw District Council – A*

Councillor David Lloyd – Newark and Sherwood District Council

Councillor David Mellen – Nottingham City Council

Councillor Matthew Relf – Ashfield District Council – A*

Councillor Milan Radulovic – Broxtowe Borough Council

Councillor Simon Robinson – Rushcliffe Borough Council - A

OFFICERS PRESENT

David Armiger – Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

Hannah Barrett – Economic Development Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council

Luke Barrett – Head of Communications and Marketing, Nottinghamshire County Council

Mel Barrett – Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council - A

Hayley Barsby – Chief Executive, Mansfield District Council - A

Gerry Dawson – Interim Manager - Place, Nottinghamshire County Council

Mike Hill – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council

Teresa Hodgkinson – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council

Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council - A

Kath Marriott – Chief Executive, Rushcliffe Borough Council

Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

John Robinson – Chief Executive, Newark & Sherwood District Council

Keith Ford – Democratic Services Team Manager, Nottinghamshire County Council

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Jenny Holdsworth for Councillor John Clarke

Mariam Amos – Strategic Director, Mansfield District Council for Hayley Barsby

Sajeeda Rose – Corporate Director for Growth and City Development, Nottingham City Council for Mel Barrett

Zulfiqar Darr – Deputy Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council for Ruth Hyde

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2021, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed for signing by the Chair of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Clarke and Councillor Simon Robinson.

Apologies for absence were also received from Councillor Simon Greaves and Councillor Matthew Relf, who both joined the meeting remotely, inputting into the debate without voting.

Apologies were also received from Mel Barrett (Nottingham City Council), Hayley Barsby (Mansfield District Council) and Ruth Hyde (Broxtowe Borough Council).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. JOINT WORKING AND DEVOLUTION PROGRAMME UPDATE

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the item highlighting the ongoing general progress with the development of the business cases, recent meetings with various partners around the young people theme and his response (shared with Council Leaders) to the concerns raised by Councillor Jason Zadrozny about potential local government reorganisation implications of any devolution deal.

Anthony May introduced the report which outlined progress of the programme and highlighted:

- Government officials continued to be kept up to date with the development of the business cases;
- a recent meeting of the Chief Officers Forum (involving all Chief Officers of public service agencies in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) had included an update on the work on devolution, prompting further offers of help, including from the further education sector;
- Anthony May and Councillor Ben Bradley MP had met with the Police and Crime Commissioner(PCC), Carolyn Henry; the new Interim Chief Executive of the Office of the PCC, Sharon Caddell; the Head of the Violence Reduction Unit, Dave Wakelin; and the Head of Youth Services at Nottinghamshire County Council, Pom Bhogal, on 16 December to discuss the young people theme, including the ongoing funding of youth work training and the potential for accessing jointly other funding strands such as violence against women and safer streets.

- Anthony, Ben, Pom and Ruth Hyde had also met with the National Youth Agency (NYA) this week, with the NYA agreeing to act as the external partner for that strand of work. Pom has also contacted his counterpart at the City to ensure they are also linked into this work;
- Kath Marriott was leading the recruitment process for the dedicated programme team and it was hoped that resources would be in place by early 2022;
- the mapping exercise was now almost complete and would be shared with Members in due course;
- further feedback was awaited from Government, following the initial positive response.

In response to issues raised by Members the following points were addressed:-

- it was recognised that the young people theme needed to be wider than preventative work about drugs and knife crimes, with a comprehensive package of youth work opportunities to be developed, ranging from universal services to a targeted and specialist diversionary offer;
- West Nottinghamshire College was one of the further education partners involved, and had underlined their commitment by agreeing to contribute towards the funding of a post to support this work;
- with regard to the form and function of the subsequent governance framework and decision-making arising from any powers devolved, the Economic Prosperity Committee (EPC) was seen as the vehicle to formulate policy and prioritise funding, whilst actual powers would be devolved to the 'strong leaders' of the two upper tier Councils (Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County). Further views were being sought from Government around the potential for any such powers to be devolved to the EPC itself. Whilst Ruth Hyde continued to lead on the governance work via the Monitoring Officers group, it was acknowledged that an external, objective view and support on this issue could also prove useful. This issue would be considered further in the New Year, following the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper.

RESOLVED 2021/006

- 1) That progress to date on the devolution and joint working programme be noted.
- 2) That the next steps listed under paragraph 15 of the report be approved.

5. NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CASE FOR DEVOLUTION – DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORITY THEMES

Anthony May introduced the report and, with input from the relevant lead Members and officers, outlined progress with each of the priority theme scopes as follows:

- Enabling and supporting young people through their journey to adulthood
 - As previously mentioned, work with partners would seek to optimise resources and harness all available funding within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and Councillor Ben Bradley MP was due to discuss further with a DCMS Minister in the New Year.
- Economy and Infrastructure
 - discussions were ongoing to ensure clarity of areas of overlap with other priority themes to
 - prevent any duplication (e.g. transport infrastructure);
 - ensure alignment with the activities of the University and the LEP;
 - clarify the added value which this theme could bring alongside the business as usual.
- Education and Skills
 - a meeting had been held earlier this week with Nottingham Trent University and the further education principals. Discussions had included the articulation of a vision for education and skills for over 16s, bringing together schools and further and higher education sectors in a closer way than previously;
 - It was hoped that the power to commission locally from a single funding source could be devolved, thereby amalgamating the various funding streams that higher and further education colleges were currently required to bid for on an annual basis. Discussions with the Department for Education would be needed in order to develop such a proposal and Councillor Bradley planned to progress those discussions in the New Year. Devolved funding in general was seen as one of the potential benefits of any devolution deal;
 - in response to queries from Members the following points were addressed:
 - Early Years literacy would be considered in due course through this theme, although at this stage work had focussed largely on the post-16 offer;
 - with regard to the ongoing work between Nottingham Trent University (NTU) with West Nottinghamshire College in Mansfield it was felt that this partnership and collaboration and the opportunities it offers, which Government were aware of, was enough of a unique selling proposition without the need for the development of a distinctly named university in Mansfield, although the naming could be subject to further discussions between NTU and West Nottinghamshire College. Any discussions needed to recognise the fact that West Nottinghamshire College were also based in Ashfield, including the degree level robotics and automation courses;

- with regard to community education and routes through to higher education there were a number of other initiatives and pilots which could be linked into this partnership work. The different demographics of students in the area compared to those attending NTU main campuses currently was recognised. Other colleges in the County, such as Newark College, were also starting to show an interest in similar collaborations.
- Environment
 - work was continuing to help develop and prioritise the list of 'big ideas' and what was needed in terms of extra powers, funding and support from Government to inform the devolution proposals. Nottingham City Council would link into this theme to share their learning and best practice;
 - in response to queries from Members the following points were addressed:
 - discussions around this theme recognised the benefits, and the difficulties in achieving, the alignment of local plans and standards to help improve the environment. This also linked into the Housing priority theme. Any common approach would need to be developed in partnership with the construction industry and with appropriate intervention from Government required. The importance of the East Midlands Freeport and East Midlands Development Corporation in achieving policy alignment was underlined. The negative impacts of changes in the planning processes and the delay in the Environment Bill were also highlighted;
 - the benefits of a joint procurement approach across the County were also recognised as another means of ensuring consistent and improved standards from property developers;
 - with regard to the County Council's ongoing waste management contract with Veolia, there was a commitment and a willingness to work in partnership to help address some of the new expectations and standards due to be introduced by the Government and to meet the Council's ambitions overall. Ongoing improvements in technology could also see progress around issues such as recycling of secondary plastics;
 - the value and potential transferability of any lessons from the current pilot flood alleviation initiative in Mansfield, and the relationship with highways maintenance, were also recognised.

- Housing
 - a recent meeting to help scope out the business case, to focus on areas where agreement could more likely be reached across the Councils, had proven helpful. Environmental standards would be part of the broader conversations around this theme.
- Transport
 - the list of aims of this theme, although relatively modest, could achieve a significant improvement, for example a five year programme for maintenance and capital allocations. It was recognised that there was unlikely to be significant Government investment in new roads and the importance of pulling together City and County proposals into a complementary package was highlighted;
 - in response to queries from Members the following points were clarified:
 - the Robin Hood Line and Maid Marian Line were not specifically referenced at this stage, pending clarification of the delivery mechanism for the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP). Following that clarification, the various impacts of the IRP would be referenced within any relevant priority themes and also within the revised East Midlands Development Corporation Business Case;
 - in terms of developing a vision for strategic transport in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and agreeing a list of improvements should funding become available, such ambitions would also be captured within the revised East Midlands Development Corporation Business Case;
 - with regards to where the need to increase traffic capacity on the A57 was being addressed, it was agreed that clarification would be sought from officers and a briefing on this shared with Members subsequent to the meeting.

RESOLVED 2021/007

That the progress in developing the priority theme scopes and the proposed process for developing detailed business cases be noted.

6. SPENDING REVIEW AND OTHER SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT (INCLUDING INTEGRATED RAIL PLAN)

Anthony May introduced the report which provided an overview of the recent Government Spending Review and Government Grant allocations to local Councils.

In response to queries from Members the following points were addressed:

- it was unclear at this stage to what extent a devolution deal would offer additional capital investment beyond the investment outlined in the report. In previous Mayoral / Combined Authority deals, the amount of gain share capital (capital allocations set aside to be spent or borrowed against for the purpose of local investment) averaged at £30m per year per deal but it was not yet clear that similar amounts would be available for new devolution deals, including any using a strong leader / EPC model. The extent of the bargaining power which individual devolution deals would bring in securing a share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund was also yet to be known. The overall funding picture should be clearer upon publication of the White Paper and the framework for devolution;
- Related financial benefits of devolution included drawing together some of the pots of funding to enable more locally prioritised expenditure and reduced time spent on bidding for funds. The importance of having a robust process to identify need in spending any such money was also acknowledged with the LEP's allocation of Local Growth Fund monies referenced as an example of a similar Treasury compliant funding process;
- it was clarified that the High Streets Fund award to Ashfield District Council detailed in paragraph 15 of the report covered 4 projects, including the named refurbishment of Sutton Academy Theatre;
- options of levy-raising powers and functions, as seen with the South Yorkshire Combined Authority and elsewhere with initiatives such as 'tourist taxes' may also possibly be included within the devolution framework, and the business cases for any such powers would require due consideration.

RESOLVED 2021/008

That the contents of the report, in the context of the Councils' collaborative working and a prospective devolution deal, be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.27 am

CHAIRMAN

18 March 2022**Agenda Item: 4**

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

JOINT WORKING AND DEVOLUTION PROGRAMME UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Committee on the progress of the Joint Working and Devolution programme and the Levelling Up White Paper.
2. To seek approval for next steps for the programme.

Information

Levelling Up White Paper

3. The [Levelling Up White Paper](#) was published on 2 February 2022 and includes an invitation for nine county areas to begin negotiating devolution deals, including Nottingham and Nottinghamshire as well as other areas across the East Midlands. Government's aim is for a number of these deals to be agreed by Autumn 2022. In addition, the white paper commits that by 2030 every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution and a simplified, long-term funding settlement. Trailblazer deeper devolution deals are to be progressed with the West Midlands and Greater Manchester
4. Page 140 of the Levelling Up White Paper sets out a Devolution Framework (**see Appendix A**), which details the types of powers and functions that will be considered for devolution at three levels, defined by the criteria set out below. Level 3 deals offer the opportunity to devolve the greatest level of powers, flexibilities and funding from Government to our local area, please see Appendix A for details:
 - **Level 3:** A single institution or County Council with a directly elected mayor (DEM), across a Functional Economic Area (FEA) or whole county area Level
 - **Level 2:** A single institution or County Council without a DEM, across a FEA or whole county area
 - **Level 1:** Local authorities working together across a FEA or whole county area e.g. through a joint committee

5. Discussions are underway across the nine areas named in the White Paper, including here in the East Midlands, to confirm next steps and to agree the preferred form and geography of the devolution deals that will be negotiated with Government. In our case, there have been discussions between Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council and Government officials to explore the potential for a Level 3 Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) across this geographical footprint. The excellent collaborative work this Committee is leading between city, county, district and borough councils is integral to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's devolution ambitions, and any wider discussions with Derby and Derbyshire. Government has been clear that deals will be negotiated with upper tier councils, but they expect meaningful engagement with all councils.
6. Joint working across this wider area is being explored because a level 3 deal in collaboration with partners could bring significant benefits to local people. A Mayoral Combined Authority of this scale would compare with areas such as Greater Manchester and the West Midlands, increase our influence nationally and could secure greater powers and funding. The East Midlands has received proportionally less government funding and private sector investment for a number of years. It is incumbent upon local partners to explore opportunities to redress this imbalance. It is too early to say what form of devolution deal will be negotiated with Government and regular updates will be provided.

Priority themes

7. Following EPC approval in December 2021, draft outline business cases have been developed for the six priority themes listed below:
 - Enabling and supporting young people through their journey to adulthood
 - Education and Skills
 - Environment
 - Economy
 - Connectivity and Infrastructure
 - Land and Housing
8. Scoping of the business cases has been undertaken jointly by Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Councils, with input from Members and Officers, and supported by partners such as Nottinghamshire's Universities, the National Youth Agency and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Listening to young people's voices and including their ideas will be vital. Strong participation of young people is forming a unique and innovative element of our collaborative work programme.
9. Government's selection of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire as one of the first nine areas invited to begin devolution talks is recognition of the progress achieved together since Summer 2021. The changing context outlined in paragraphs 3 to 6 requires the work programme to be refreshed, building on this strong foundation of collaboration. Work under the priority themes is being reviewed to ensure that the implications of the Levelling Up White Paper and devolution negotiations with Government are reflected, and that assumptions remain valid. We are working across Derby and Derbyshire to identify shared priorities and ambitions considering the ongoing discussions regarding a potential Level 3 MCA on a wider geography.
10. Collaborative work across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire will continue regardless of the form of any future devolution deal. District, borough, city and county chief executives met on

2 March 2022 to discuss potential governance options, how best to progress work under the priority themes and next steps for the programme. A priority issue identified by the chief executives was how best to meaningfully include district and borough councils and other stakeholders in the co-development of a devolution deal, regardless of the geographical footprint.

11. In addition to the above priority themes, as discussions with Government progress consideration will be given to the other themes on the previously agreed “long list” of priorities:
- Health and social care
 - Visitor economy, heritage and culture
 - Community safety, cohesion and reducing reoffending
 - Public sector reform

Governance

12. A working group led by Ruth Hyde, Chief Executive of Broxtowe Borough Council, began a review of governance options prior to the white paper’s publication. Discussions are ongoing in pursuit of an inclusive governance arrangement for a mayoral combined authority on a wider footprint, and how this might relate to the EPC. Further details will be brought to the EPC as soon as possible.

Resources

13. The recruitment of the previously approved programme team is progressing well as outlined below:
- A Programme Manager was appointed in December 2021 following a multi-partner interview process
 - Interviews for four Project Officer roles were held in January 2022. Two posts have been successfully filled. One Project Officer started on 14 February 2022, with the other successful candidate due to start on 25 April 2022. The two remaining Project Officer posts have been readvertised and interviews are scheduled for the third week of March 2022. Should one or both not be recruited to, alternative approaches to resourcing and budget allocation will be considered
 - A Business Support Administrator will be joining the team on 21 March 2022, following a successful interview process in January 2022
 - Interviews for the Senior Communications Business Partner are scheduled for the third week in March, with a multi partner interview panel.
14. Interim programme arrangements remain in place whilst recruitment is completed, including support from officers of all nine of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire’s Councils. In addition to this, a bid has been submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council’s graduate scheme which will provide additional capacity at no cost to the programme budget. In the longer term, consideration will need to be given to resourcing requirements as devolution negotiations with Government progress. Work is underway with partners to map existing skills and capacity and to identify gaps.

Communications

15. Communication leads across the councils continue to work closely together including on how best to communicate a deal negotiated on a wider footprint. Recently, this has included the

initial response to the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper. Recruitment of the Senior Communication Business Partner will provide the capacity and expertise to deliver a proactive communication strategy, keeping stakeholders engaged and up to date and taking advantage of opportunities to achieve media coverage of our objectives and priorities for devolution.

Next Steps

16. The next steps for the programme are to:

- progress political discussions locally regarding our response to the Levelling Up White Paper;
- work collaboratively across Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire to identify shared priorities and ambitions that would fall under a potential devolution deal;
- return a devolution deal proposal template to Government by 25 March 2022, this requests information on the level of devolution deal being sought, the geography, the leadership and governance model; powers, functions and flexibilities being pursued from the Devolution Framework and other innovative ideas; and
- complete the recruitment process for all programme team posts by 31 March 2022.

17. In respect of the Government's template, this document allows for devolution proposals to be set out with reference to the devolution framework. It is intended to capture a summary of proposals. Responses will provide the starting point of negotiations for a devolution deal where proposals will be examined in more depth. Submission of this template does not commit any council to a single course of action.

Other Options Considered

18. Do Nothing – Nottingham and Nottinghamshire could choose not to respond to the invitation in the Levelling Up White paper to negotiate a devolution deal with Government. This option has been rejected as it would prevent the benefits and opportunities of devolution from being achieved. Likewise, Government's commitment to progress deeper devolution deals with areas such as the West Midlands and Greater Manchester emphasises the importance of achieving a successful devolution deal for our area, to avoid being left behind.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

19. The right devolution deal would deliver economic and social prosperity across the city and county.

Statutory and Policy Implications

20. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

21. The financial implications of producing a devolution proposal for government were considered at the 29 October 2021 meeting of this Committee. This report contains no further financial implications.

Implications for Service Users

22. The joint working and devolution programme is ultimately about changing things for the better for local people and giving all our residents and businesses the best possible opportunities and experiences. The programme continues to be developed with this primary objective in mind.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

23. Enhancing and protecting the local environment and addressing climate change is a Priority Theme under this programme of work. The intention is to support delivery of existing strategies and cooperation on policy development ahead of the Environment Bill. An ambition is included to accelerate net zero targets for some Councils and assist all to achieve the existing targets set.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that Committee:

- 1) Notes progress to date on the devolution and joint working programme and the update on the Levelling Up White Paper
- 2) Notes the ongoing discussions about a devolution deal on a Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire footprint
- 3) Agree the next steps listed under paragraph 16

Anthony May
Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact:
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Constitutional Comments (EP 10/03/22)

24. The recommendations fall within the remit of The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 10/03/2022)

25. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- ["East Midlands council leaders consider options for new devolved powers and resources" – Joint Statement 23 February 2022](#)
- [Levelling Up White Paper 2 February 2022](#)
- [The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire EPC 17 December 2021 – Joint Working and Devolution Programme Update](#)
- [The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire EPC 17 December 2021 – Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution – Development of Priority Themes](#)
- [Policy Committee 2 December 2021 – Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution Resourcing Requirements](#)
- [Policy Committee 2 December 2021 – Appendix 1 Case for Devolution](#)
- [The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire EPC 29 October 2021 – Case for Devolution](#)
- [The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire EPC 29 October 2021 – Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution Resourcing Requirements](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Table 2.3 Devolution Framework

Level 3 – A single institution or County Council with a directly elected mayor (DEM), across a FEA or whole county area

Level 2 – A single institution or County Council without a DEM, across a FEA or whole county area

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Function	Detail	L1	L2	L3
Strategic role in delivering services	Host for Government functions best delivered at a strategic level involving more than one local authority e.g. Local Nature Recovery Strategies	✓	✓	✓
	Opportunity to pool services at a strategic level	✓	✓	✓
	Opportunity to adopt innovative local proposals to deliver action on climate change and the UK's Net Zero targets	✓	✓	✓
Supporting local businesses	LEP functions including hosting strategic business voice		✓	✓
Local control of sustainable transport	Control of appropriate local transport functions e.g. local transport plans*		✓	✓
	Defined key route network*			✓
	Priority for new rail partnerships with Great British Railways – influencing local rail offer, e.g. services and stations			✓
	Ability to introduce bus franchising		✓	✓
	Consolidation of existing core local transport funding for local road maintenance and smaller upgrades into a multi-year integrated settlement			✓
Investment spending	UKSPF planning and delivery at a strategic level		✓	✓
	Long-term investment fund, with an agreed annual allocation			✓
Giving adults the skills for the labour market	Devolution of Adult Education functions and the core Adult Education Budget		✓	✓
	Providing input into Local Skills Improvement Plans		✓	✓
	Role in designing and delivering future contracted employment programmes			✓
Local control of infrastructure decisions	Ability to establish Mayoral Development Corporations (with consent of host local planning authority)			✓
	Devolution of locally-led brownfield funding			✓
	Strategic partnerships with Homes England across the Affordable Housing Programme and brownfield funding			✓
	Homes England compulsory purchase powers (held concurrently)		✓	✓
Keeping the public safe and healthy	Mayoral control of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) functions where boundaries align^			✓
	Clear defined role in local resilience*		✓	✓
	Where desired offer MCAs a duty for improving the public's health (concurrently with local authorities)			✓
Financing local initiatives for residents and business	Ability to introduce mayoral precepting on council tax*			✓
	Ability to introduce supplement on business rates (increases subject to ballot)			✓

* refers to functions which are only applicable to combined authorities

^ refers to functions which are currently only applicable to mayoral combined authorities

