

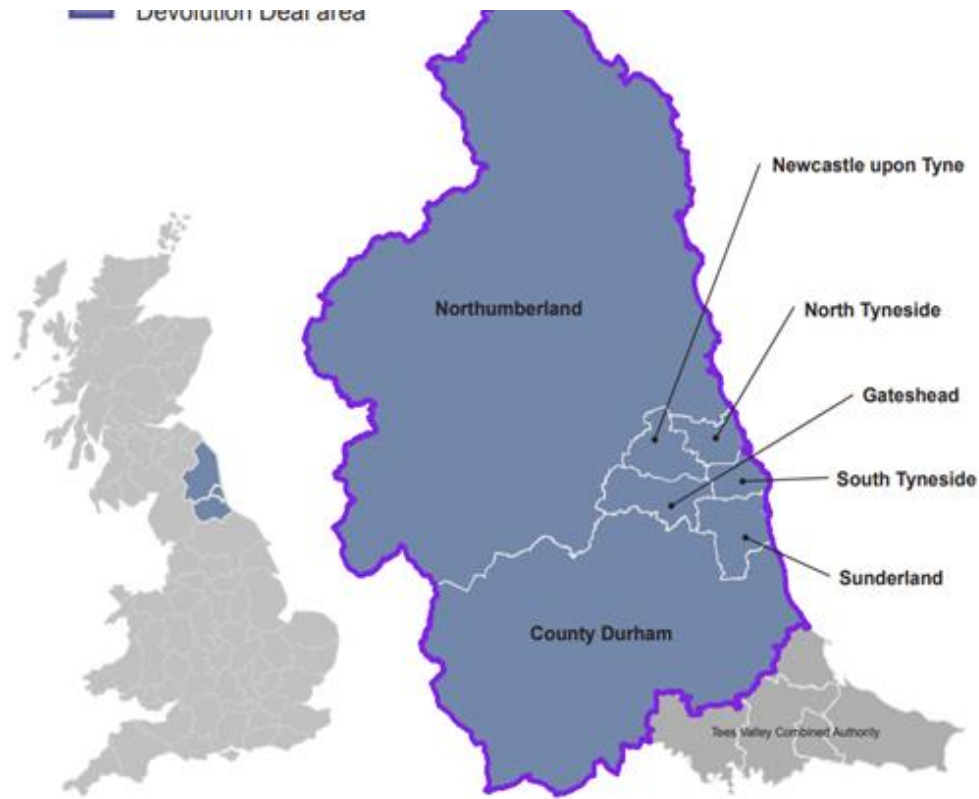
North East Devolution

June 2024



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Devolution is the transfer of powers and funding from national to local government. It is important because it ensures that decisions are made closer to the local people, communities and businesses they affect



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7 North East local authorities to become a North East Combined Authority (NECA)

Greater voice at a national level

Stronger investment proposition both nationally and internationally

Direct control over a 30 year, £1.4bn investment fund

Initial £20m regeneration fund with identified County Durham spend priorities (NETPark and Aykley Heads)

Improved collaboration across the region and our universities to transform how we drive innovation

Autonomy over our skills agenda

North East Devolution: The Headlines



£48 million per year over 30 years



Directly elected Mayor in May 2024 with 4 year term



Devolved powers on transport, planning, housing and skills



2 million residents



£900m package to transform transport system with £563 million Sustainable Transport settlement



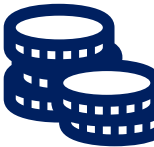
£17.4 million for new homes and brownfield land to realise 3,100 new homes



24,000 extra jobs; 6,000 people to get 'work ready' each year



£1.8 billion Adult Education Core Budget and Functions



New regeneration powers inc CPO powers and MDCs
Leverage £5 billion of private sector investment



70,000 extra courses per year



Taking major steps to Net Zero and supporting growth sectors



Replaces North Of Tyne CA and North East CA

Kim McGuinness – North East Mayor



Manifesto themes:

Green transport that works for all

- Bring buses into public control; campaigning for Mayors to take control of key train stations
- 'Angel Network' linking bus, metro, train, ferry and active travel
- Expand Metro to Washington and invest in safety on public transport

New deal for North East workers

- Join up rivers, ports and coastline with a new Mayoral Development Corporation
- Green Energy and Engineering Super Academy to train 1,000 people a year
- Open North East Careers Hubs in villages and towns

Good quality, green homes

- Develop a Regional Spatial Plan and deliver thousands of houses on brownfield land
- Lobby to ensure the funds controlled by Homes England are handed to the Mayor
- Set standard for rented properties, build the greenest homes in the UK and retrofit social housing

Stronger neighbourhoods

- Measure every investment decision against its impact on child poverty
- Introduce Sure Start-style services; trial a Mayor's Childcare Grant for parents getting back to work or training
- Create a new High Streets Commission
- Fund after school clubs to deliver pre-apprenticeship training

World-class arts and culture

- Support region-wide music events, promote NE screen and writing sectors
- Lobby for a tourism levy to fund culture, events and infrastructure



Our priorities



Portfolios	LA Lead
Culture, Creative, Tourism and Sport	Durham
Transport	Gateshead
Finance and Investment	Sunderland
Environment, Coast and Rural	Northumberland
Economy	Newcastle
Housing and Land	North Tyneside
Education, Inclusion and Skills	South Tyneside

Ambitions



Culture, Creative, Tourism and Sport - This portfolio will seek to deliver a vibrant and inclusive regional economy with culture, creativity, the visitor economy, leisure and sport at its heart.



Transport – Moving to a green, healthy, dynamic and thriving North East.



Finance and Investment – Ensure that investment decisions are underpinned by a clear investment strategy that maximises leverage of the investment fund, set with a plan for generating positive jobs, skills and inclusive growth outcomes.



Environment, Coast and Rural – Placing the environment, the coast, and the growth of our rural areas at the heart of the economic strategy for the North East.



Economy – Build on the economic priorities, assets and potential across the 7 local authority areas; establishing a bold overall economic strategy that guides investment in the region, boosts growth and productivity and proactively guides our economic transition while reducing inequality.



Housing and Land – Set out bold ambitions for the North East; to improve the range, quality and affordability of housing; drive economic growth and productivity; and support the most vulnerable.



Education, Inclusion and Skills – Build an inclusive and sustainable economy that everyone can contribute to and benefit from, equipping residents with the skills and support needed for our economy to thrive.

How we will deliver – 7 (interim) portfolios

Funding Stream	Amount
Investment Fund	£1.4bn
Skills / AEB	c£1.8bn
Transport	Over £900m
Housing and place based regeneration	£69m
Mayoral Capacity Fund	c£30m
Other Funding Streams	Various
TOTAL	c£4.2bn

