

NORTH EAST DEVOLUTION

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- Work Programme/Progress
- Devolution Portfolios



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INTRODUCTION



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North East Devolution

“Minded to” deal for the 7 North East local authorities to become a North East Mayoral Combined Authority (NEMCA)

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



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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



Replacing existing North Of Tyne CA and North East CA



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WORK PROGRAMME/ PROGRESS



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Early work undertaken



Regeneration fund programme

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



Proposed North East Investments Zone (Arc of Innovation)

Key sectors including associated advanced low-carbon manufacturing, materials and research – NETPark £20m flexible spend prioritised for NETPark and Tyne Corridor



Brownfield Housing Fund

Investing in Brownfield Land Remediation through an enhanced Brownfield housing fund. Opportunities for funding at Horden and North Blunts (Peterlee)



NEMCA Investment Plan

High-level commitments and aspirations
Will underpin prioritisation of projects
Ambition to delivery



Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

Improving journey times
Lowering fares
Protecting important bus routes



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Progress to date

Governance Regional

- Draft order approved by 7 LAs and 2 CA cabinets – Whitehall Lawyers now finalising
- Draft corporate plan and budget agreed at NTCA and NECA cabinets, enabling the operational transition
- Election preparations well underway
- CEX/ED/FD Regional
- Internal REG Monthly Board April 2023 -
- Internal CMT Fortnightly Jan 2024 –

Operational Transition

- Resources – draft year 1 budget agreed
- People – prep for TUPE process underway
- Organisational Design and Day 1 readiness – operating model, team structure, ICT, premises
- Rhythm of NEMCA meeting – working on a forward plan of meetings – Tuesday looking like a consistent CA ‘day’
- Comms and Engagement – next steps on branding in progress



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Progress to date

Portfolio and Policy Development

- 7 portfolio workshops completed
- That is being developed into an integrated delivery plan and forward plan of decisions and
- Year one resources agreed (c.£387m)
- Investment Plan stakeholder engagement

Progress on early priorities

- Investment Zone launched
- Adult Education readiness has been met & Skills bootcamps agreed
- Trailblazer proposals will be brought to February steering group
- Still unpicking post-HS2 funding on transport
- NE Housing Partnership launched
- 2 successful Levelling Up Funding bids in the region, South Tyneside and Newcastle



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DEVOLUTION PORTFOLIOS



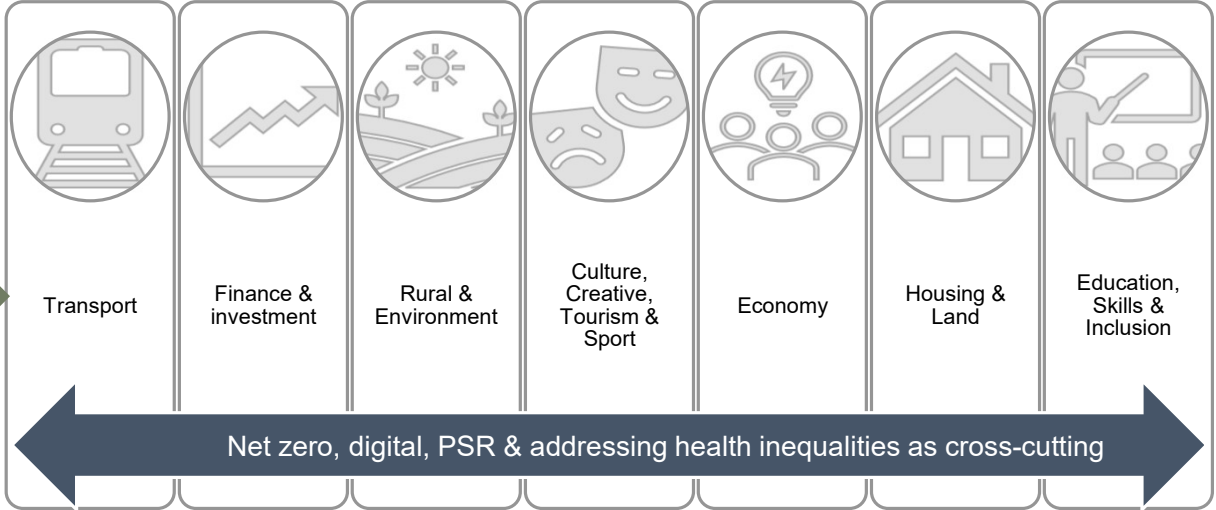
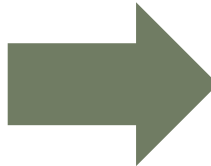
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Portfolios	LA Lead	EMT Lead
Culture, Creative, Tourism and Sport	Durham	Alison Clark
Transport	Gateshead	Mark Jackson
Finance and Investment	Sunderland	Andy Kerr
Environment, Coast and Rural	Northumberland	Oliver Sherratt
Economy	Newcastle	Andy Kerr
Housing and Land	North Tyneside	Michael Kelleher
Education, Inclusion and Skills	South Tyneside	Graham Wood



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



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