

Good Growth- Maximising the Devolution Dividend

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Successive governments have attempted to decentralise power

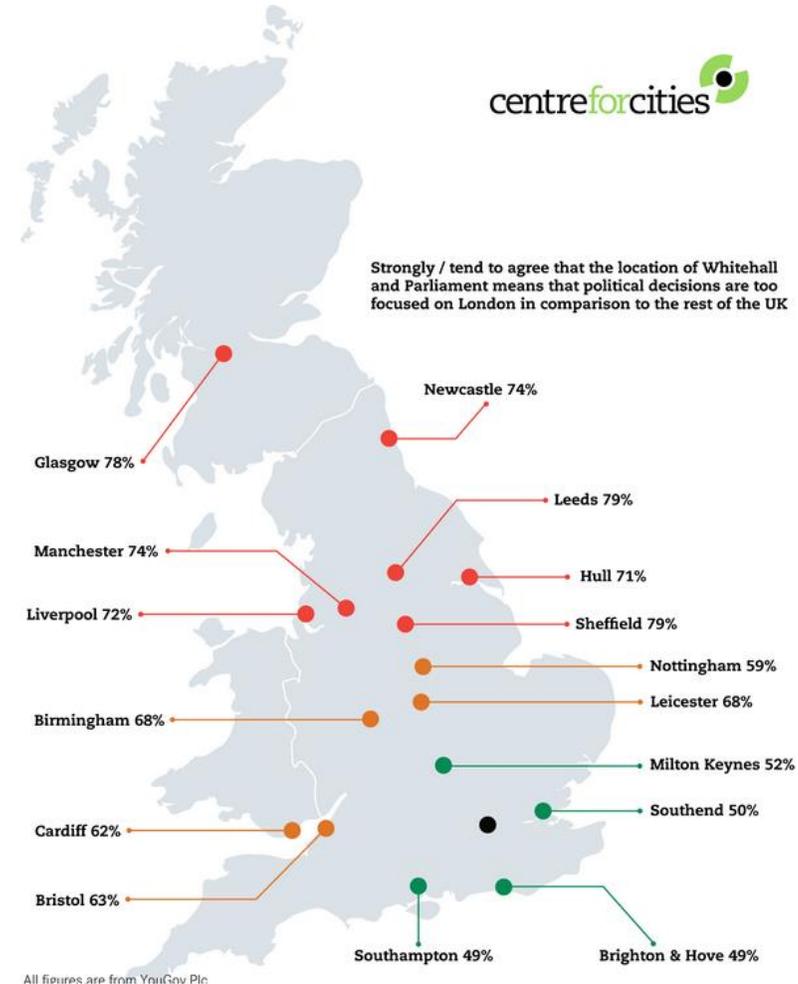


- Government Offices for the Regions (Major)
- Regional Development Agencies (Blair)
- Regional Assemblies
- Greater London Authority
- North East referendum votes no to an elected Regional Assembly 2004 (Prescott)
- 2007 – 2011 additional housing funding and powers to the GLA
- Elsewhere regional structures abolished (Coalition)
- 2011 Localism Act
- 2014 Greater Manchester Agreement (Osborne)
- 2016 Cities & Local Government Devolution Act
- 2017, 2018 and 2019 Metro Mayor Elections
- 2020 Local Industrial Strategies & Shared Prosperity Fund?

What has been devolved and to whom?



- **London Mayor and the GLA**
- **Core Cities and City Deals;** Councils of ten largest economies outside London
- **Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP);** private sector led, 'functional economic area' to drive jobs & growth.
- **County Deals;** negotiated freedoms, flexibilities & funding between Counties and Whitehall (Cornwall)
- **Growth Deals;** negotiated freedoms, flexibilities & funding between LEPs and Whitehall
- **Devolution Deals 1 & 2;** negotiated freedoms, flexibilities and funding between Combined Authorities and government departments, usually including the adoption of a Metro or City Region Mayor
- **Housing Packages:** negotiated between MHCLG and Combined Authorities to boost supply significantly.





Pre-Brexit vote – Osborne

- Political drive to reduce state, increase competition and enable tax cuts
- Increasing political accountability in local government & rationalisation of local government
- Local political leadership
- Rebalance the economy by promoting growth and productivity
- Public sector reform – driving efficiency and shrinking the welfare bill
- Increasing collaboration and innovation
- Sharing risk and responsibility
- Creating Tory Cities in traditional Labour North & Midlands

Post Brexit vote– May

- Passed the ‘tipping point’
- Political commitment ensured by election of Andy Street
- Limited civil service capacity due to Brexit but also, the need for a positive vision after Brexit & big ticket policy announcements
- Double devolution – Shared Prosperity Fund to Combined Authorities?
- Housing packages indicate devolution seen as a mechanism for tackling supply deficit, but overshadowed by strategic partnerships?

What does devolution matter to housing associations?



Devolution is a mechanism which can help our sector to end the housing crisis across England.

Through devolution, changing local structures and renewed focus on civic leadership, housing associations can

- Forge partnerships to deliver homes, growth and public sector reform together
- Inspire Metro mayors to become powerful voices and ambassadors for housing associations, people and places
- Work with Combined Authorities and Government to use new freedoms and powers to end the housing crisis
- Seek new devolved powers and freedoms from government

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Greater Manchester Development Joint Venture

A proposal from:

Bolton at Home, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Great Places Housing Group, Irwell Valley Homes, Mosscares St Vincent's, One Manchester, Onward Homes, Salix Homes, Southway Housing Trust, Trafford Housing Trust and Wythenshawe Community Housing Group.



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