



Government's flagship programme to revitalise the UK

Headlines:

Goal:

- Encourage a second renaissance by focussing on all Government departments working together.

How:

By focussing on:

- 6 capitals
- 5 pillars
- 12 missions

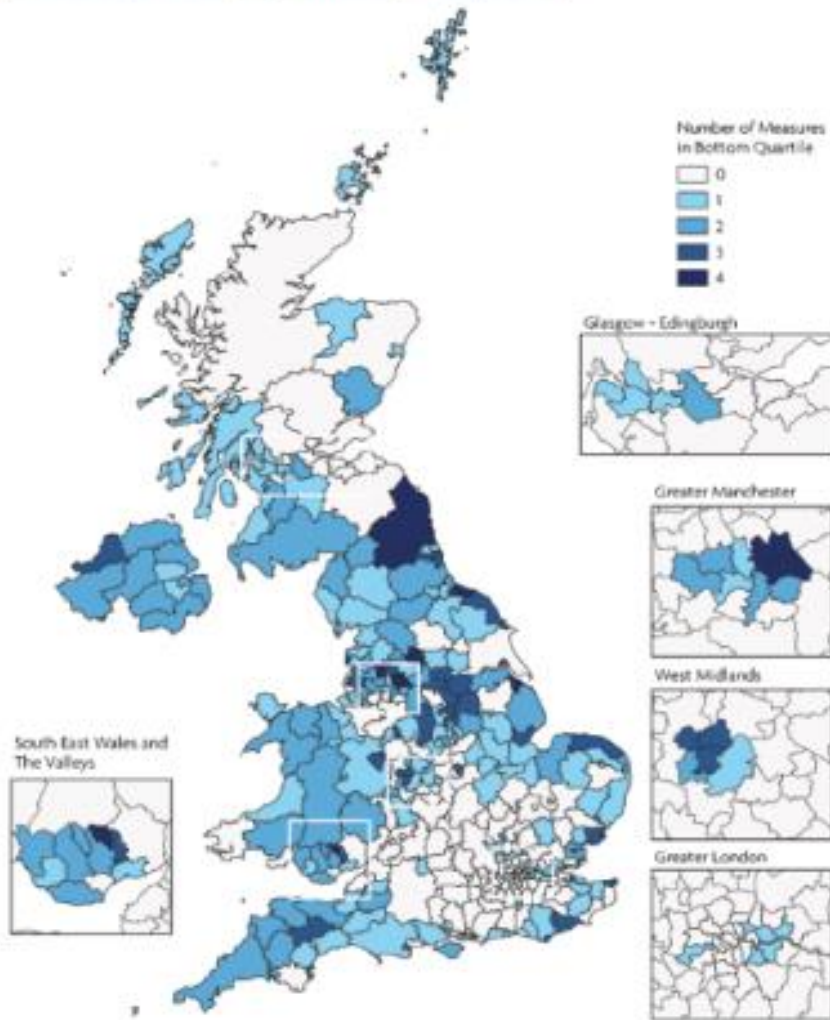
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- It is a macro document that contains multiple micro policies from across Whitehall.

Question for local stakeholders:

- How do we align ourselves to accomplish the 12 missions?

Figure 1.13 Spatial patterns: Which places are most left behind? Local authorities in the bottom quartile for level 3+ equivalent skills in the adult population, Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked, Median Gross Weekly Pay and healthy life expectancy³¹



³¹ This map combines data from the ONS on Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked, average life satisfaction, median gross weekly pay and Healthy Life Expectancy. It shows, for each local authority, how many of these measures are ranked in the bottom quartile, when compared against the UK average. Subregional data is not available for Northern Ireland across GVA per hour worked or NVQ3+, therefore we use the Northern Ireland Regional value for these local areas.

6 Capitals:

- **Physical capital** – Infrastructure, machines, housing
- **Human capital** – Skills, health, workforce experience
- **Intangible capital** – Innovation, Ideas, Patents
- **Financial capital** – Financial resources, support
- **Social capital** – Community strength, trust, relationships
- **Institutional capital** – Local Leadership, capability, capacity



12 Missions	Realign Gov. decision-making	Empower local decision-makers	Transform data & monitoring	Levelling-Up Advisory Council
<p>Run to 2030.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Living standards 2. R&D 3. Transport Infrastructure 4. Digital Connectivity 5. Education 6. Skills 7. Health 8. Wellbeing 9. Pride in Place 10. Housing 11. Crime 12. Local Leadership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target setting • Levelling-Up Directors • Levelling-Up Cabinet Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devolution - ‘County Deals with directly-elected mayors’ • Leadership and management training • Local authority procurement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New independent body focused on local data, transparency and robust evidence. • <i>More focus on community satisfaction data.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levelling Up Advisory Council charged with providing independent expert advice. • Sub-Committees on selected topics. • Annual reports.

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

Level 1 – Local authorities working together across a FEA or whole county area e.g. through a joint committee

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

The concern: The UK is a highly-centralised country.

Goal: Overwhelming preference by Gov. to establish Mayoral Combined Authorities or establishing County Deals with **directly-elected mayors**.

The 12 missions to level up the UK by 2030 are:

- 1. Living Standards:** The Government wants to ensure that pay, employment and productivity has risen in every area of the UK – with the gap between the top-performing and others areas closing.
- 2. Research & Development:** Domestic public investment into R&D outside of the Greater South East will increase by at least 40%, with government seeking to lever at least twice as much private-sector investment over the long term.
- 3. Transport Infrastructure:** Local transport connectivity across UK will be significantly closer to London standards, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.
- 4. Digital Connectivity:** The UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for majority of population.
- 5. Education:** The number of primary school children achieving expected standards in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased. In England, 90% to achieve expected standard. The percentage of children meeting standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by a third.
- 6. Skills:** The number of people completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every UK area. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training p.a., driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in lowest skilled areas.
- 7. Health:** The gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed. HLE will rise by five years by 2035.
- 8. Wellbeing:** Wellbeing will improve in every area of the UK, with gap between the top-performing and others areas closing.
- 9. Pride in Place:** Pride in place, such as people’s satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK
- 10. Housing:** Renters will have a secure pathway to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas. The number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen 50%, with biggest improvements in lowest performing areas.
- 11. Crime:** Homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focussed on the worst areas.
- 12. Local Leadership:** Every area of England that wants a devolution deal, with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution, will have one alongside a simplified long-term funding settlement.

Mission One - Living Standards

The Government wants to ensure that pay, employment and productivity has risen in every area of the UK – with the gap between the top-performing and others areas closing.

Mission Two – Research & Development

Domestic public investment into R&D outside of the Greater South East will increase by at least 40%, with government seeking to lever at least twice as much private-sector investment over the long term.

Mission Nine – Pride in Place

Pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK

Mission Twelve – Local Leadership

Every area of England that wants a devolution deal, with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution, will have one alongside a simplified long-term funding settlement.

The policy programme is focused on:

- a. local devolution in England
- b. private sector led partnerships +
- c. local growth funds

Government's Next Steps

- Structured process of visits.
- Setting up local panels.
- Annual reports
- An online space where local ideas, proposals and initiatives around levelling up can be heard and co-ordinated.