

Strategic Authority strategies/responsibilities : working table July 25 2025 v11 changes highlighted

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How will these work together? Thematically?

Principle of integration: strategies will have to work together and be delivered in an integrated way (EDWP eg p 54; p 97)

strategy	Gov dept	Scale	References	comments
Strategic authority	MHCLG	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	Bill creates SAs as new legally defined group of authorities; will comprise of different types initially with commitment to convergence; MCA, CA, Combined County Authorities (in current 2-tier areas), GLA and possible single UA. Each SA sits in one level of SA ie Foundation, Mayoral and Established Mayoral for definitions see ⁱ ; 'A Strategic Authority can progress through the levels of devolution but each level is exclusive, meaning a Strategic Authority cannot be in more than one level at any one time' 'Strategic Authorities have been created to tackle regional issues and capitalise on the opportunities that exist over a significant geographical area, such as pursuing a more integrated transport network.'
Devolution Framework	MHCLG	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	'The Devolution Framework is a standardised set of legal powers, funding commitments, and partnership/collaboration arrangements with government. It sets out what Strategic Authorities are entitled to at each level of devolution. Strategic Authorities with elected Mayors will be entitled to a more expansive offer than those without' morr detail of the Devolution Framework is here ⁱⁱ
Mayoral powers of competence	MHCLG	MSA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework	The Mayoral Powers of Competence are made up of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the General Power of Competence – a broad general power enabling Mayoral Strategic Authorities, and their Mayors, to do anything an individual can legally do a power to convene – enabling Mayors to convene local partners to address local challenges a duty to respond – placing a duty on local partners to respond to a Mayor's request when they make use of the power to convene

			www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a duty to collaborate – ensuring that Mayors have a formal process by which they can collaborate with neighbouring Mayors to deliver projects and strategies together
Integrated settlement	MHCLG/ HMT	MSA	<p>Spending review 11 June 2025 https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/686270a608bf2f53761219fc/E03349913_HMT_Spending_Review_June_2025_TEXT_PRINT_CS.pdf Policy document 11 June 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-settlement-policy-document</p>	
Local outcome delivery plan mechanism for Integrated settlement implementation	MHCLG/ HMT	MSA/SA	<p>MoU for MSAs with integrated settlements March 2024 and confirmed autumn budget 2024 https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65e71b503f69457ff10360e2/Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Trailblazer Single Settlements with Greater Manchester and West Midlands Combined Authorities.pdf integrated settlements part of SR 2025 EDWP (EDWP several references see p 48 and ff ; p 106 ff for some detail plus embedded weblink to other policy MHCLG paper) EDWP (through above link in paper for local outcome delivery plans))</p>	Required for all MSAs with integrated settlement in SR 2025 and following; likely to take precedence above all other plans; GMSA and WMSA from 2025 and the North East, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Liverpool City Region from 2026; potential reform of Accounting Officer role; integrated settlements will be a consolidated budget across housing, regeneration, local growth, local transport, skills, retrofit, and employment support (p 13 EDWP); integrated settlement to grow in scope over time (EDWP p 25); consideration of how integrated settlement can apply to GLA (p 36)
Advanced devolution	HMT MHCLG	MSA	<p>Statement CofE 24 January 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-unveils-plan-to-turbocharge-investment-across-the-uk</p>	‘There will also be a new senior taskforce, chaired jointly by HMT and MHCLG permanent secretaries, who will work with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to explore further devolution opportunities in skills, transport, and business support. The government will expand this engagement to other Mayoral Authorities through senior official working groups, to explore how national government can work with local leaders to ensure they have the appropriate levers available to deliver their Local Growth Plans and unlock economic growth across England’
Net zero competence	DESNZ	MSA/SA	<p>English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution Framework</p>	

			www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	
Regional Energy Strategic Plans	DESNZ	MSA/L/SA	Energy plans for all MSAs; NPPF December 2024 section 14 EDWP (p 75)	Great British Energy Local Power Plans
Strategic Spatial Energy Plan	DESNZ		https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-spatial-energy-plan-commission-to-neso 22 October 2024	
Retrofitting budget and delivery programme	DESNZ	MSA	EDWP (p 15; p 74)) Part of integrated settlement 2025-2026 30 th January 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026	To be included in integrated settlement
Small energy generation projects	DESNZ	MSA	EDWP (p 15, p 74)	implement
Heat network zoning and coordination	DESNZ	MSA	EDWP (p 15, 75)	
Warm Homes Plan	DESNZ	MSA/L/SA	EDWP (p 15, 49, 74)	Part of integrated settlement
Local Heat Network	DESNZ	MSA	EDWP (p 15, p 75) Devolution framework https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainers	Co-ordinating role
Environment competence	DEFRA	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	
Water supply	DEFRA	national	NPPF December 2024	9 new reservoirs Regional Water Resource Management Plans

			EDWP figure 2 p 77 CofE 29 th January 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reeves-i-am-going-further-and-faster-to-kick-start-the-economy 20 th December 2024 regional water resource management plans https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-review-of-englands-draft-regional-and-water-resources-management-plans/19b2f89b-e5ad-4387-afab-884c275437ee https://www.gov.uk/government/news/environment-agency-secures-record-commitments-from-water-sector 30th January 2025	
flooding	DEFRA	national	NPPF December 2024 section 14, para 172 EDWP figure 2 p 77	Detail tbc
Circular economy	DEFRA	MSA	EDWP (p 77)	Detail tbc
Climate change	DEFRA	MSA	EDWP (p 77)	Detail tbc
Land Use Framework	DEFRA DESNZ MHCLG	LAs	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-national-conversation-on-land-use 31 January 2025 consultation announced	to be operated at local authority level through local plans
Local Nature Recovery Strategies	DEFRA	UA/LB/MB or MSA/L/SA	EDWP (p 17; p 77)	Expand role of MSA see WoECA for first example of this
Ecology plan	DEFRA	MSA/L/SA	EDWP (p 76)	
Health and Well Being competence	DHSC	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	
Health primary/secondary	DHSC/NHS	National	NPPF December 2024 EDWP (p 79)	Mayors should chair of ICPs Health improvement and health inequalities focus
Social care strategy and plan	DHSC	MSA	EDWP (p 79; p 97 plus case studies	Mayors should prepare in partnership with ICPs ; Children's Social Care Prevention Grant
Health - public	DHSC	UA/LB/MB /L/MSA/SA	NPPF December 2024 para 97;	Refuse hot food takeaways near schools; mayors of MSAs should be chairs of ICPs

			EDWP (pp 16, 18, 27, 29, 43, 48, 59, 79/80, 85) plus case studies	Health improvement and health inequalities focus
Health inequalities	DHSC	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainers	Almost all SAs will ‘have regard’ to the need to improve the health of people in their areas and reduce health inequalities between people living in their areas when they act’
Offender rehabilitation and probation services	MoJ	MSA	EDWP (p 85)	
Economic development and growth competence	DBT/MH CLG	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainers	
Assessment of economic conditions	DBT	MSA/SA	Devolution Framework https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainers	Duty to prepare and maintain an assessment of the economic conditions of their area
Local Growth Plan	DBT National Wealth Fund Office for Investment	MSA/L/SA national	NPPF December 2024 paras 8a, 11a, 86, EDWP (pp 15, 17, 26, 41-44, 47, 55, 62, 66, 71, 72) Green Paper on Industrial Strategy October 2024 chapter on Place https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6711176c386bf0964853d747/industrial-strategy-green-paper.pdf National Wealth Fund and Office for Investment to deliver through task forces instructed to work with mayors 23 January 2025.	MSA local industrial strategies should be linked and delivered Coordinating infrastructure to meet economic objectives in SDS and LPs; align growth and infrastructure ‘Local Growth Plans are a cornerstone of the place-based approach. These locally owned, 10-year strategies will set out how Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) will use their devolved powers and funding to drive growth in their region. They will build on the region’s unique strengths and opportunities to support sectors, identify wider business environment priorities, and provide a framework to unlock private investment. They represent strategic partnerships between central Government and MCAs to identify priorities for growth and will be aligned to the Industrial Strategy.’ (Green Paper Industrial 2024 p 49);

			https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jan/23/reeves-to-instruct-national-wealth-fund-to-work-with-mayors-to-boost-growth#:~:text=Reeves%20to%20instruct%20national%20wealth%20fund%20to%20work%20with%20mayors%20to%20boost%20growth,-Chancellor%20says%20scheme&text=Rachel%20Reeves%20will%20instruct%20bosses,of%20initiatives%20to%20boost%20growth. CoE statement 24 January 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-unveils-plan-to-turbocharge-investment-across-the-uk part of Integrated Settlement 2025-2026 30 th January 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Guidance for MSAs on developing Local Growth Plans 21 July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-growth-plans-england/guidance-for-mayoral-strategic-authorities-on-developing-local-growth-plans	To be included in integrated settlement Tailored strategy for each region starting with strategic partnerships for Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, West Midlands ‘Starting with Liverpool City Region and North East Combined Authorities, the OfI will pilot an approach that connects regions to central government and industry expertise to support them in unlocking private investment’ ‘The second legal responsibility requires certain public organisations to ‘have regard’ to the shared priorities of each Local Growth Plan, if they are relevant to what they do.’
Local growth hubs	DBT/DC MS	MSA	EDWP (p 15/16, p 66)	Accountability and funding through integrated settlement
Small business growth strategy	DBT	MSA/L/SA	EDWP (p 66)	Role of mayors in small business strategy to be published in 2025; part of integrated settlement
Inward investment	DBT	MSA	EDWP (p 25, 66/7)	
Local Government Pension Schemes	DBT/HMT/MHCL G	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	‘Strategic Authorities will work with LGPS on local projects which deliver social or economic benefits for local communities as well as the financial returns necessary to pay pensions. The purpose is to increase LGPS investment in local projects and make sure it contributes to local priorities’

			guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	
Growth partnership forums	DBT	MSA	EDWP (p 66)	Bilateral with DBT
Skills and employment support competence	DWP	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	
Local Get Britain Working Plan	DWP	MSA	EDWP (p 58)	Employment and into work initiatives; part of integrated settlement
Local Skills Improvement Plans	DWP	MSA/SA	Getting Britain Working EDWP (pp 54-5; p 58)	MSA to lead on employment and skills and link to Local Growth Plan
Skills funding	DWP	MSA	EDWP (p 14; p 54)) Part of integrated settlement 2025-2026 30 th January https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026	Will be part of integrated settlement
Youth Guarantee Scheme	DWP	MSA	EDWP (p 58)	Mayors to trial
Design of non-JCP employment support	DWP	MSA	EDWP (p 58) Part of integrated settlement 2025-2026 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026	
Adult education	DfE	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	Give SAs Adult Skills Fund for all learners over 19
FE	DfE	MSA	EDWP (p 56)	Mayors to feed into annual conversations between DfE and FE colleges
Transport and local infrastructure competence	DfT	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025	Become the Local Transport Authority (removed from LAs) and have oversight of all transport within their areas

			https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	
Transport funding	DfT	MSA	EDWP (p 49) Part of integrated Settlement 2025-2026 30 th January https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026	Included in Integrated Settlement including the local transport funding streams, including City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement funding for eligible authorities from the start of City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements 2 in 2027/28.
Strategic transport	DfT	MSA/L/SA	NPPF December 2024 footnote 46 EDWP (p 25) English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	SA to levy from LAs to fund designated transport activity
Local Transport Plans strategy	DfT	MSA/SA	NPPF December 2024 para 109, para 111 EDWP (p 54) English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	Be vision led; Mayors to be given powers of direction to be reviewed after 2 years; to be prepared with SDS and other Mayoral strategies Confirmed as part of definition of transport competence and to be integrated/aligned with Local Growth Plan and Spatial strategy
Local Transport Plans - implementation	DfT	L	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	
Active travel strategies	DfT	MSA/L/SA	NPPF December 2024 EDWP (p 31, 50, 54,	work with walking and cycling strategies local transport plans to be prepared; be responsible for improving skills
Micro mobility	DfT	MSA/SA/L	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025	License on-street micro-mobility and reconcile for footway space

			https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	
Taxi and private hire vehicles	DfT	MSA	EDWP (pn 53)	Consult on transferring responsibilities for licensing
Rail	DfT	MSA	EDWP (p 14, p 47, p 51)	To be given statutory powers some responsibilities for rail network and management
Integrated ticketing	DfT	MSA	EDWP (p 37, 51/2)	Responsibility for operating scheme over networks schemes based on MoL model
Decarbonising buses	DfT	MSA	EDWP (p 52, p 87)	To be responsible for decarbonising the bus fleet
Highways	DfT	MSA	EDWP (p 14, p 54, p 86, p 113) English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	Identify key highway network as part of Local transport plan and become Local Highways Authority; identify Key Route Network and exercise powers over constituent authorities for its implementation including traffic reduction targets; undertake highway repairs and improvements
Highways lane rental scheme	DfT	MSA	EDWP (p 50)	To operate scheme
Pavement parking enforcement	DfT	MSA	EDWP (p 51)	To enforce
Passenger concession schemes	DfT	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	
Penalty charge regimes	DfT	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	
Culture strategy	DCMS	MSA/L/SA	NPPF December 2024 EDWP (p 48, p 71/2)	Key partner and to be included in Growth Strategy
Tourism	DCMS/D BT	MSA/SA	Devolution Framework https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainers	Encourage people to visit their areas

Review local representatives on boards	DCMS	MSA	EDWP (p 71)	
Historic buildings and landscape	DCMS	MSA/L/SA	NPPF December 2024 EDWP (p 16, 94)	partner
Regional Innovation Fund	DSIT	UA/LB/MB	NPPF December 2024 para 87; EDWP (p 69)	Joint plans with UK Innovation for long term investment in places
Innovation Hub	DSIT		CofE 29 January 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reeves-i-am-going-further-and-faster-to-kick-start-the-economy	Cambridge University
Mayoral Data council	DSIT	MSA	EDWP (p 26, 44)	Membership of Mayoral data council ; integrate data between HMG and SAs to create a coherent local plan (p 44)
AI Growth Zones (AIGZ)	DSIT		CoF 29 January 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reeves-i-am-going-further-and-faster-to-kick-start-the-economy	AIGZs aim to attract significant private investment, accelerate the build-out of critical AI infrastructure, and drive local economic regeneration. The first AI Growth Zone will be in Culham, Oxfordshire.
Housing and Strategic Planning competence	MHCLG	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution framework www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	
Spatial Development Strategy	MHCLG	MSA/L/SA	NPPF Dec 2024 para 20 EDWP (p 61, p 64) Planning and Infrastructure Bill English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	Where conferred to MSA strategic policies should be here; need to be for 15 years advice from working group May 2025 https://www.priorandpartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Planning-Positively-for-the-Future.pdf
Mayoral CIL	MHCLG	MSA	EDWP (p 15)	Similar to MoL
Mayoral Development Orders	MHCLG	MSA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	LAs will need to approve but Mayor can apply to SoS to determine

Mayoral Development Areas and Mayoral Development Corporations	MHCLG	MSA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	
Long term plan for towns	MHCLG	MSA	EDWP (p 93)	To be like New Deal for Communities
Development Management powers	MHCLG	MSA	EDWP (p 15) English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	Similar to MoL
housing	MHCLG	UA/LB/MB /L/MSA/SA	NPPF December 2024 Housing strategy Spring Budget 2025 EDWP (pp 15, 22, 29, 48,49, 51, 61/3, 74, 79, 85, 97)	Key issue in forthcoming strategy likely to be infrastructure – hard and soft and how housing responds to local residents’ needs; reduce role of Homes England
Housing delivery funding	MHCLG	MSA	EDWP (p 15)	Similar to MoL
Housing quantity	MHCLG	MSA/L/SA	EDWP (p 61, p 64)	AHP funding like MoL; quantity; distribution
Housing and regeneration	MHCLG	MSA	EDWP (p 15; p 62) Part of integrated settlement 2025-2026 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026/functional-responsibilities-for-the-integrated-settlements-2025-to-2026	To become delivery body as strategic partner with Homes England and steer their delivery; part of integrated settlement
Housing and land powers	MHCLG/ Homes England	MSA/SA	Areas of competence in Devolution Framework https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainers	Functions must be exercised for the purposes of, or for purposes incidental to the objectives of: • Improving the supply and quality of housing in the area; • Securing the regeneration or development of land or infrastructure in the area; • Supporting in other ways the creation, regeneration or development of communities in the area or their continued wellbeing; Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development and good design in the area.
Public sector land	MHCLG	MSA	EDWP (p 62)	Establish and be responsible for Public Land Commissions for their areas
LGPS	MHCLG/ HMT	MSA	EDWP	Work with LGPS for reform and investment
Public safety competence	Home Office	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance	Allow mayors to exercise powers over more than one police force; share information

			Devolution framework https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainers	
Police, crime, fire and rescue	Home Office	MSA	EDWP (p 83)	Potential merging under Mayors
Resilience and responders	Home Office	MSA	EDWP (p 85)	Identify SAs as responders under the Civil Contingencies Act
Review of Green Book	HMT	national	CofE announcement 29/01/2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reeves-i-am-going-further-and-faster-to-kick-start-the-economy ; https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-unveils-plan-to-turbocharge-investment-across-the-uk Spending Review 11 June 2025 Policy Paper https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/686270a608bf2f53761219fc/E03349913_HMT_Spending_Review_June_2025_TEXT_PRINT_CS.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-book-review-2025-findings-and-actions	
Oxford/Cambridge Arc	HMG	national	CofE announcement 29/01/2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reeves-i-am-going-further-and-faster-to-kick-start-the-economy ; https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-unveils-plan-to-turbocharge-investment-across-the-uk	Led by Lord Patrick Vallance Minister
Align public service boundaries	HMG	national	EDWP (p 16; p 43)	
Establish National Wealth Fund	HMG	national	EDWP (p 44)	
Membership of Nations and Regions Council chaired by PM	HMG	MSA	EDWP p 16 Consultation on Functions of new CAs https://www.gov.uk/government/news/devolution-priority-programme-consultations-launch 17 February 2025	
Member of English Mayoral Council	MHCLG	MSA	EDWP p 16 Consultation on Functions of new CAs	

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Pilot powers to be devolved	HMG	MSA/SA	EDCEA 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance#devolution	Pilot before being available to all
Right to request	HMG	MSA/SA	EDCEA 19 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance#devolution	Propose further powers to be devolved
Undertake research on devolution implementation including for effectiveness of integrated settlement	HMG	HMG	EDWP (p 46)	
Public service reform competence	HMG	MSA/SA	English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Guidelines 10 th July 2025 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-guidance Devolution Framework https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer Devolution framework www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-devolution-and-community-empowerment-bill-devolution-framework-explainer	
Public service reform, improvement and efficiency	HMG	MSA	EDWP (p 13; p 21))	
Achieve integrated delivery and budgets – Total Place a model for this	HMG	MSA	EDWP (p 13, p 95, p 97)	Achieve between public services in area; defined public bodies to have regard to SA strategies (p43)
Integrated working with government agencies and public bodies	HMG	MSA	EDWP (p 43)	‘Ensure key Non-Departmental Public Bodies and Arm’s Length Bodies, such as Homes England, Network Rail and National Highways, have appropriate regard to relevant Strategic Authority strategies and the shared growth priorities from the Local Growth Plan for the area in their work’

Default delivery institution for new programmes or activity	HMG	MSA	EDWP (p 43)	Funding to flow through integrated strategies
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Nb MoL already has many of these powers; some competences new for MSAs

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- ;ⁱ **Foundation** – available to those authorities without an elected Mayor, Foundation Strategic Authorities will have limited devolution and include non-mayoral Combined and Combined County Authorities as well as single councils that have been specially designated as a Strategic Authority.
 - **Mayoral** – available to areas with an elected Mayor, Mayoral Strategic Authorities will have greater devolution and include mayoral Combined and Combined County Authorities.
 - **Established Mayoral** – available to Mayoral Strategic Authorities who are able to satisfy additional governance requirements. Established Mayoral Strategic Authorities will have access to the broadest range of devolved powers and functions, including the ability to request further devolved powers from the government. The government will officially name those it has already announced as Established Mayoral Strategic Authorities shortly after the Bill becomes law. The White Paper sets out the criteria by which further Mayoral Strategic Authorities could become Established.
1. ⁱⁱ The Bill will create a power to **expand the Devolution Framework over time** using secondary legislation – giving more powers to devolved areas.
 2. The Bill will create the ability for **specific Strategic Authorities to pilot devolved powers** before the government decides whether to add them to the Devolution Framework and make them available to all Strategic Authorities. This will make it easier to deepen devolution over time. These processes will also allow for differences in decision making and governance arrangements in exceptional circumstances (e.g. if something is to be exercised solely by the Mayor or jointly with another body.)
 3. The Bill will **empower Established Mayoral Strategic Authorities with a ‘right to request’** which allows them to propose further powers, funding and partnerships to expand the Devolution Framework. The government will be required to officially respond to these requests