



Ministry of Housing,  
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# Having your say: Government Consultation on the creation of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Cumbria



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# What is English Devolution?

**English Devolution** is the Government's ambition to move power to local communities who know their areas best.

The **English Devolution White Paper** translates that ambition into more concrete plans

The **overall aim** is for every part of England to have devolution.

[English Devolution White Paper - GOV.UK](#)



# What is the Devolution Priority Programme?

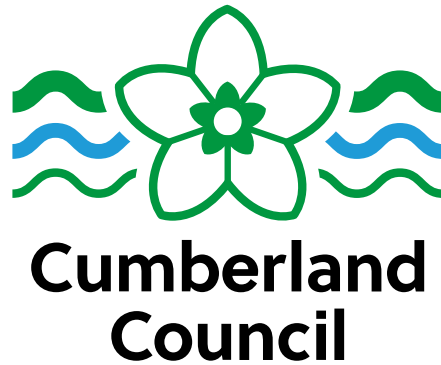
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- It **fast-tracks** 6 areas to establish devolved institutions led by a Mayor with new powers
- **Cumbria** was successful in their application to join the Programme.



# What does this mean for Cumbria?

- The proposal is for a **Mayoral Combined Authority** covering the two local councils in your area.





# What is a Mayoral Combined Authority?

- A new organisation consisting of the two local council areas - Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness - that enables more strategic joint decision-making across a larger area
- Led by a directly elected mayor
- 11 other areas benefit from devolution in this way



# What could it do?

**Transport:** building better transport links across trains, roads and buses

**Skills:** tailoring adult training and support to the type of jobs available locally

**Housing:** tailoring housing provision to local need

**Economic development:** supporting business development and growth in your key sectors,

**Environment and climate change:** enabling better protection of your environmental assets

**Health and wellbeing:** securing improved health outcomes; tackling inequalities

**Representation:** A seat at the Prime Minister's Council of Nations and Regions and the Deputy Prime Minister's Mayoral Council.

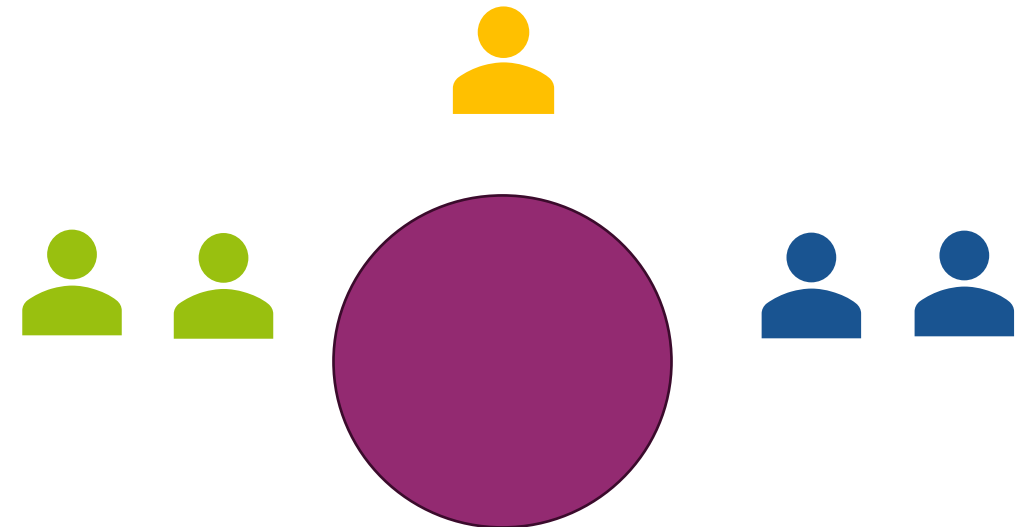



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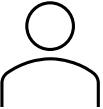
### MCA Council Membership

Each of the Constituent Councils appoint two of their members.

 **The Mayor:** Directly elected on a four-year term



 **Decision-Making** - most decisions taken by simple majority including Mayor

 **Non-constituent / associate members**  
Up to 4; non-voting by default





## What are we consulting on?

- We are consulting on the proposal to establish this Mayoral Combined Authority – **we want your views.**
- It seeks views and evidence on the operation of the MCA, its proposed geography and whether you feel this will help your area.
- This consultation is live up until **23:59 on 13 April 2025**
- Once the consultation has closed, the Government will consider the responses to decide whether to establish the Mayoral Combined Authority.



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# Have your say?

- **Online:** using QR code, or [gov.uk/cumbria-devolution](https://gov.uk/cumbria-devolution)

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**All responses  
must be  
received  
before 13 April  
2025 at 23.59**



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# Thanks for listening