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# SELEP – Levelling Up

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Welcome





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- Published at the start of February '22.
- Outlines twelve levelling up missions, given status in law, that will shift government focus and resources to “Britain’s forgotten communities” throughout the 2020s.
- Biggest shift of power from Whitehall to local leaders in modern times – every part of England to be offered ‘London-style’ powers and a mayor if they wish to.

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- LEP Perspective:
- *“...the UK Government is encouraging the integration of LEPs and their business boards into MCAs, the GLA and County Deals, where these exist. Where a devolution deal does not yet exist, LEPs will continue to play their vital role in supporting local businesses and the local economy. Where devolution deals cover part of a LEP, this will be looked at on a case by case basis. Further detail on this transition will be provided in writing to LEPs as soon as possible.”*

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## 5 Pillars

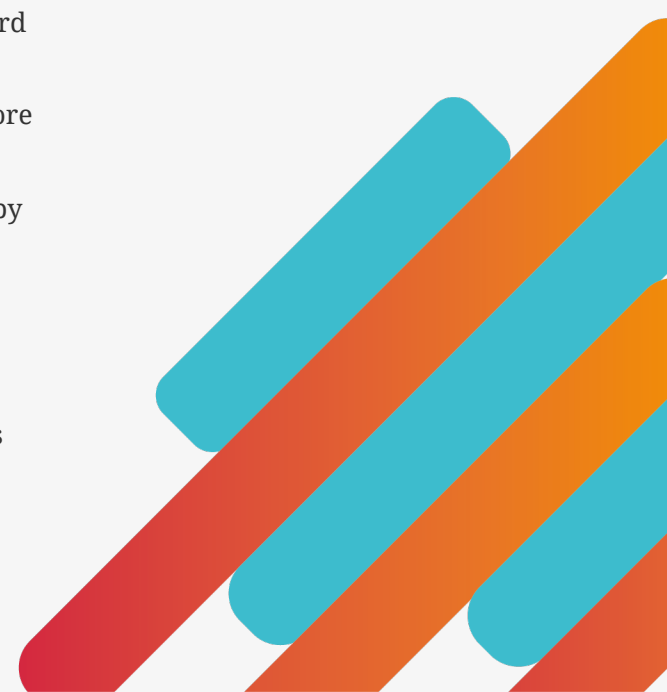
- Clear and ambitious medium-term missions set by Government.
- Realigned Government decision-making so it aligns to levelling up.
- Empowering local decision-makers.
- New Levelling Up Advisory Council & annual levelling up reports.
- Transform the collection and use of data & monitoring.



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## 12 Missions (10 years in duration):

- Increased pay, employment and productivity. Every area will have a globally competitive city, and the gap between the top-performing and others will close
- Investment into Research & Development outside of the Greater South East will increase by at least 40%, with government seeking to increase private-sector growth by at least twice as much
- Local transport connectivity will be closer to London standards, with improved services and integrated ticketing
- The UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage. Many areas will have 5G coverage
- 90% of children to achieve expected standards in primary school reading, writing, and maths. The percentage of children meeting the standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by a third.
- The number of people completing high-quality skills training will have increased significantly in every region. This should lead to 200,000 more people completing this type of training in England
- 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
- Wellbeing will improve in every area of the UK
- People's pride in where they live and engagement in local culture will have risen in every area of the UK
- Renters will have a safe pathway to ownership, and there'll be more first-time buyers in every area. The number of non-decent rented homes will halve
- Homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime rates will drop
- Every area of England that wants a devolution deal will have one



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## Funding:

- Levelling Up Fund – £4.8bn over period to 2024-25 (not new)
- Towns Fund - £3.6bn in funding via Town Deals and the Future High Streets Fund (not new)
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF):
  - £2.6bn across SR21 period and £1.5bn a year by 2024-25
  - All areas will receive a conditional allocation based on need
  - There are three investment priority areas: communities & place, people & skills, local business
  - It will be a mixture of revenue and capital funding
  - Investment priorities will vary year-to-year. Strengthening pride in place is the focus in 2022-23 and 2023-24
  - Local areas have the option to come together to deliver the UKSPF in places where there is already an established history of collaboration between local authorities
  - Most UKSPF will be allocated to, and invested by, district & borough local authorities
  - Pre-guidance has been issued: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-pre-launch-guidance/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-pre-launch-guidance>

- Next steps for SELEP:
  - Continue to engage with Whitehall on specific role of the LEP.
  - Influence thinking on Levelling Up ensuring deprived communities in the South East are not left behind e.g. Coastal Catalyst priority, response to APPG for Levelling Up.
  - Engage with local authority partners on changes to local government & the Shared Prosperity Fund.
  - Continue to reflect the voice of businesses in discussions with Government officials and departments.
  - Understand the view of our working groups and its members.

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