

The UK2070 Commission

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report gives some background information on the UK2070 Commission to inform the Board's discussion with its Chair, Lord Bob Kerslake.

Recommendation

That the Board share their views to inform the Commission's work.

Actions

Officers to support members as needed.

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Background

1. The [UK2070 Commission](#) is an independent inquiry into city and regional inequalities in the UK. Chaired by Lord Kerslake, it has been set up to conduct a review of the policy and spatial issues related to the UK's long-term city and regional development.
2. The Commission will run in four phases, from July 2018 to January 2020, with a formal launch event having taken place at the House of Lords in October 2018. Further meetings and consultations will take place across the UK.
3. The Commission's membership includes academics from five universities and the USA's Lincoln Institute for Land Policy (Cambridge, MA), as well representatives from the Confederation of British Industry, Core Cities, Institute for Public Policy Research North, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, the North West Business Leadership Team, West Midlands Combined Authority, and the consultancies AECOM and Barton Willmore.
4. They are supported by a research partnership involving the University of Sheffield, the University of Manchester, University College London, the University of Liverpool and the University of Cambridge, along with additional support from the Sir Hugh and Lady Sykes Charitable Trust, the Heseltine Institute at the University of Liverpool, the University of Cambridge and the RSA.

Issues

5. The Commission sets out its aims as follows:
 - 5.1. Reinforce the devolution agenda for cities, regions and nations to maximise their potential for sustainable and inclusive growth;
 - 5.2. Add value to the emerging range of national strategies for planning, housing, industry, land use, environment and infrastructure – through greater integration and clarity in their place-based implications;
 - 5.3. Develop more inclusive and empowering approaches to national and strategic decision-making; and investment for regions, cities, towns and communities; and
 - 5.4. Draw on UK and international experience in tackling issues of spatial inequalities.
6. The LGA's views on these matters are well established, though members might like to consider the discussion of Item 1 about the Board's future work programme and whether there are any reflections they might like to offer on the framing of the devolution debate.
7. The Commission will publish its findings in a Stage 1 Report highlighting issues, options and with provisional recommendations in May 2019, followed by a final report in January 2020.

Financial Implications

8. None.

Implications for Wales

9. The Commission's remit covers all nations of the United Kingdom.