

Leeds Local Government – Commission into the future of Local Government

Background

The Commission into the future of Local Government, led by Leeds City Council calls on communities, businesses and local people to be at the heart of the revival of their towns and cities.

The Commission also calls for partial devolution for England, with its own Secretary of State and English office, in a report launched in the House of Lords on 3 July. The report is **attached** for Members' information.

Led by Leeds City Council, the Commission also called for further powers on transport, skills and finance for local areas and challenges local councils and communities to embrace the concept of "civic enterprise" to help revive their areas with modern "utilities" such as elderly care, low-carbon energy and affordable housing.

Commissioners include a number of well-known and high-profile people from across the public, private and voluntary sectors such as Will Hutton (Principal of Hertford College Oxford and chair of the Big Innovation Centre), Lord Victor Adebawale (Turning Point), Dame Jo Williams (Care Quality Commission) and Sir Merrick Cockell (LGA).

Councillor Judith Blake, Deputy Leader, and Tom Reardon, Chief Executive of Leeds City Council will attend the Councillors' Forum to discuss the work of the Commission and the next phase forward.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the presentation and report and raise any issues on the implications for local government.

Action

As directed by the Forum.

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