



## Rules: Engagement guidance around ‘double devolution’

Local town and parish councils are uniquely placed to work with local authorities to deliver ‘onward’ or ‘double’ devolution (the process where devolution happens twice – first from national to regional and then from regional to local). As government policy on devolution becomes reality, many principal local authorities are already working with smaller councils to deliver double devolution.

A toolkit specifically for small town and parish councils provides a step-by-step introduction to devolution for local councils. It also highlights case studies of where services are already being delivered to local communities. This is important for three main reasons:

1. Local councils represent a clear focal point for greater engagement with the local community; they act as service deliverers, and builders of community resilience.
2. Because they’re located in communities at a very local level, designing services and consulting on powers becomes much more tangible for local people in this environment.
3. As well as local people, local councils can bring community organisations and voluntary sector organisations to the fore in the design and delivery of local services.

You can view the town and parish toolkit [here](#).

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