

Devolution

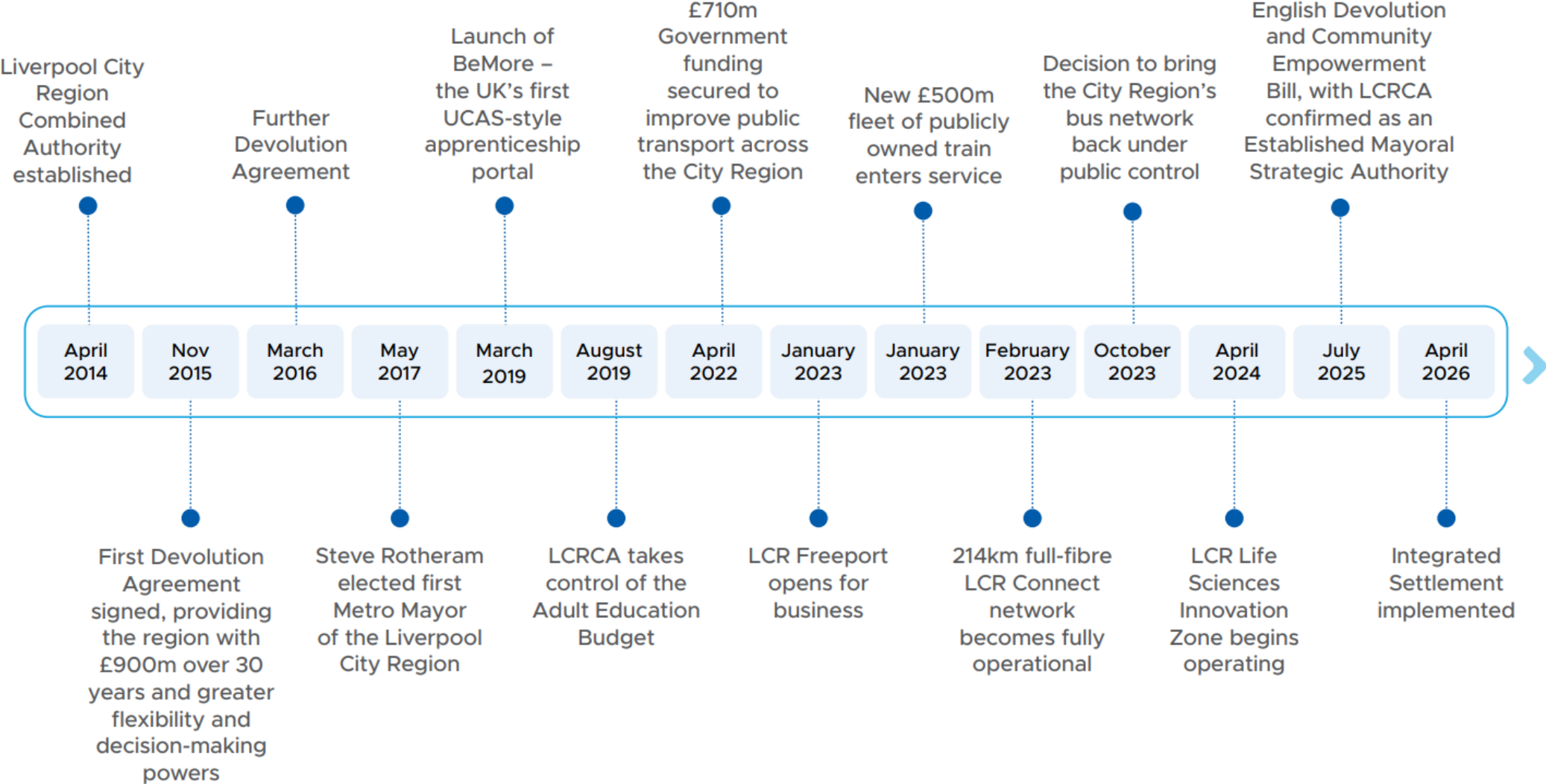
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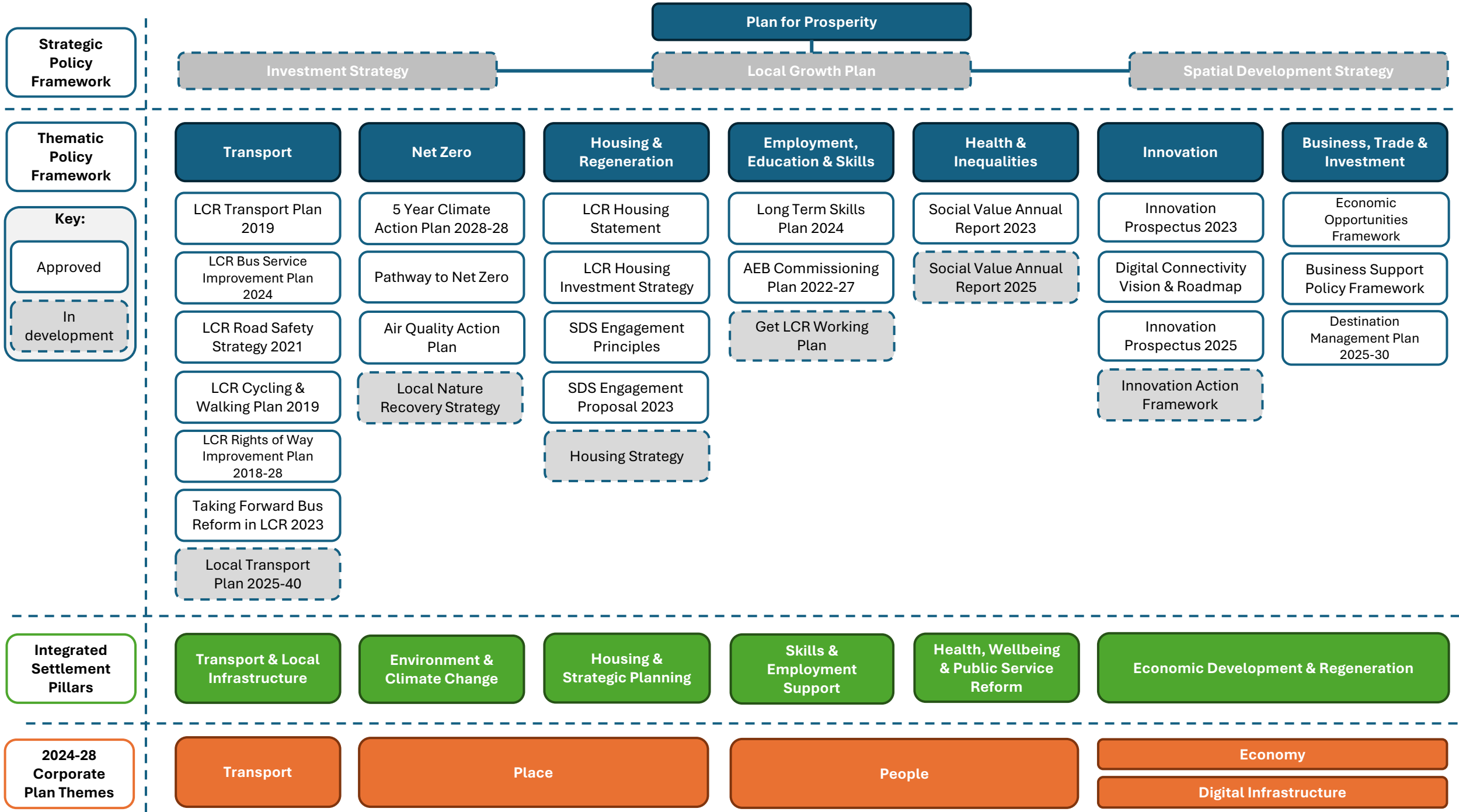
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LCR Devolution Journey over last 10 years



LCRCA Governance

- Combined Authority – Mayor, Leaders of six constituent Local Authorities.
- Each Member has responsibility for a “portfolio” in the LCR Cabinet
- CA constitution sets powers and responsibilities updated annually
- Decisions on a majority basis, excepting some e.g. Spatial Development Strategy unanimous
- Future decisions moving to majority voting (incl. SDS via Planning and Infrastructure Bill)
- Statutory Audit and Governance, and Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- Scrutiny to be enhanced for further devolution / Integrated Settlement



Devolution – Where are we now?

- English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill published July. Royal Assent expected in early Spring 2026
- Confirms LCRCA as “established” MCA - one of 6 in England - LCR in the **top tier** of CAs
- Means greater powers including an Integrated Settlement from next April and the right to request further powers on an annual basis
- Firmly cements role of Mayors in law and enshrines policy responsibilities through a series of defined competencies (e.g. housing, transport, skills, health, environment, planning).
- Also provides for the transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) powers subject to boundary alignment
- Confirms government ambitions that Mayors exercise greater powers in health and around public service reform
- Removes the need for individual CA negotiations – devolution framework of powers will be statutory so every CA will know the powers they will get depending on their maturity

Integrated Settlement



Replace individual grant funding streams and conditionality



Remove the need to bid or compete for funding in scope, with funding determined by formulae



Cover both capital and revenue funding



Be the default mechanism for receiving funding in the areas covered



Enable funding decisions to be made over a multiyear period

Integrated Settlement funding pillars

New Accountabilities / Increased Transparency & Scrutiny

Increased flexibilities, longer term financial certainty

Economic Development & Regeneration

Transport & Local Infrastructure

Housing & Strategic Planning

Environment & Climate Change

Skills & Employment Support

Health, wellbeing & public service reform

Delivery of Agreed Outcomes

Devo Roadmap – what are we trying to achieve

What have we been doing already:

- 50,000 new apprenticeships since 2017
- £500m investment in state-of-the-art publicly owned trains.
- 32,000 new homes built with an SDS on the way.
- 10% more LCR residents in employment since 2017, higher than national average.
- Local Growth Plan developed to identify core economic strengths and challenges.
- City Region economy has grown by 9% to £35bn.

Now

- Prepare to receive Integrated Settlement flexibilities
- Prepare to receive new powers via English Devo Bill
- Agreement on UK Mayors areas of consensus through R2R:

Next

- Implementation of select powers from the Devolution Bill (e.g. statutory health duty) following Royal Assent
- Implementation of Integrated Settlement from April 26

Later

- More ambitious fiscal devo?
- Role of Mayors and public services including PCC, FRA and Health