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## DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT PRINCIPLES UNDERPINNING DEVOLUTION?

Do these principles still hold?

What could be an alternative to the directly elected mayoral model of governance for devolved powers?

Do we need clear rules of engagement? If so, what would these be?

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## HOW CAN WE USE DEVOLUTION TO DELIVER EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM?

How do we achieve a clear and consistent shared vision of devolution with all government departments, regulators and agencies?

What will motivate national partners to move away from funds and programmes directed by national silos to ensure that their budgets can be pooled or aligned to enhance outcomes for local residents?

How do we achieve local ownership and control of how services are redesigned, without local partners having to ask permission for every small change from Whitehall, regulators or centralised quangos?

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How do we align administrative geography beyond local government?

What would be the benefits for your place of a single fund for local investment?

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HOW CAN WE MOVE FROM FUNCTIONAL DEVOLUTION TO FISCAL DEVOLUTION?

How can we find a better balance between local and national taxation, and make it clearer how taxes fund local services?

How can assigned taxation support devolution?

What are the next steps that need to be taken?

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HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE OUR RESIDENTS ARE ENGAGED?

How do we make the process of devolution more transparent to local people?

How can we continue to engage with residents on devolution?

How can we make sure the views of residents lead the debates around devolution?

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### ANNEX A – TRANSFORMING LIVES

What barriers are most important to tackle in working with local partners to reform public services?

What changes would help local partners lead the transformation we want to see in local places?

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