

# **East Midlands County Combined Authority**

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# Context: East Midlands County Combined Authority

- In August 2022, Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council signed a **£1.14 billion devolution deal** with Government.
- The proposed deal would see our region become the **first ever Mayoral Combined County Authority in the country** and would see an extra £38 million a year coming to the East Midlands from 2024, addressing years of historically low investment in our area.
- Funding and powers would move from Government to the region to help the 2.2 million people who live here.

## Vision:

**For the people who live and work here to be better connected, more competitive and more prosperous within an inclusive East Midlands CCA area**

## Objectives :

- Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards
- Spreading opportunities and improving public services
- Restoring a sense of community, local pride and belonging
- Empowering local leaders and communities



# What is the East Midlands Combined Authority?

- A **public consultation**, published in March 2023, showed broad support for the deal and the establishment of a Mayoral Combined County Authority.
- The **primary legislation** enabling the deal to proceed received Royal Assent in October 2023.
- Following Government's decision to proceed, each of the constituent members will consider consenting to the Establishment Order to create EMCCA in **December 2023**.
- **Inaugural mayoral election** planned in May 2024.
- The EMCCA is an accountable, legal body, like any other local authority
- All existing councils across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire will still exist as individual authorities.

# Why have a CCA?

- This is a **once in a generation opportunity to secure more funding and powers** for the region. It takes power away from Westminster, placing more decisions at a local level.
- A Mayor can **focus on the big issues affecting our whole region meaning** we get more jobs, more provision for training and skills, better public transport, more investment in housing, and action to protect the environment.
- The East Midlands has suffered from years of underinvestment. Devolution will bring **more money into the region, resulting in a stronger local economy and better services for residents.**
- A Mayoral combined county authority will give the region the **national voice** it deserves – championing major infrastructure projects, lobbying government to ensure promises are kept
- The Mayoral election is a chance for **local residents to shape the future of our region.**
- Critically, the initial deal is **just a starting point** – the true benefits and economic value of devolution are still to come.

# What will it do?

The EMCCA will have a number of devolved powers from Government and will undertake certain functions.

These include:

- Develop a pipeline of activity for the **£1.14bn investment fund** of £38 million per year over 30 years.
- **Transport** – via a brand-new **City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement** of over **£1.5bn**.  
Creating and delivering a single integrated Local Transport Plan across the area (*e.g. more joined up public transport, cross boundary ticketing, strategic planning and decision making on transport infrastructure*)
- **Adult Education Budget (AEB)** – £50m per year, making sure the provision of local skills meets the needs of the economy targeted to local need
- £18m early investment into the area on **housing and net zero**,
- £17 million for the building of **new homes on brownfield land**
- New funding for **capacity building** as we establish the new authority

At the moment, the EMCCA is not proposed to hold an economic development function .... so local governance arrangements will be important:

- **Strategic Leaders Board** – new arrangements made up of all 10 local authorities in Derbyshire to set and drive economic growth policies; this will include visitor economy (e.g. via the LVEP), transport, skills, routes to employment etc

Supported by:

- New **business advisory board** made up of - business rep organisations (Chamber, FSB), colleges, universities, businesses and sector-focused organisations such as Visit Peak District and Derbyshire

# Guiding investment decisions:

The EMCCA will develop a number of strategies to guide spend of the devolved funding.

- **Regional Growth Strategy**
- **Local Transport Plan**
- **Strategic Skills Plan**
- **Investment Strategy/ Fund**
- **East Midlands Investment Zone:** will help draw in further funding to support investment

EMCCA plans complementing proposals in the LVEP

# What it means for visitor economy

Within the scope of these strategies there will be opportunities for the visitor economy e.g:

- ✓ To have priorities supported in the Growth Strategy
- ✓ To have skills and employment routes (apprenticeships, traineeships etc) supported in the Skills Plan
- ✓ Sector development plans supported by funding and investment
- ✓ Can tailor AEB to our communities and not have to reflect national rules/guidelines or priorities
- ✓ AEB can address local skills gaps – providing pathways into different sectors
- ✓ Strategic approach to business support across EMCCA – consistent approach
- ✓ Opportunity to take a strategic approach working with VPDD and others to promote the tourist attractions such as:
  - Peak District National Park
  - National Forest
  - Chatsworth House
  - Hardwick
  - Bolsover
  - National Forest
  - Etc

Thank you and any questions?

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