



ENGLISH DEVOLUTION

APCC FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE 18th July 2025

A roundup of recent announcements and developments regarding English Devolution with a focus on policing and fire governance.

UPDATE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

10th July 2025 – English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill published.

As part of the introduction of the Bill, MHCLG has published the following documents which APCC members may find useful to reference:

- [Bill](#) (as introduced)
- [Explanatory Notes](#)
- [Guidance](#)
- [Impact Assessment](#)
- [Devolution Framework Explainers](#)
- [English Devolution Area Factsheets](#)

The APCC circulated a briefing summarising key aspects of the Bill – attached to this circular.

17th July 2025 – Ministerial statement on Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) areas

Statement from Jim McMahon confirming all six DPP areas met the relevant statutory tests and that legislation will be brought before Parliament to establish each of the six institutions early in 2026.

The MHCLG has also published a summary of responses and the government's response to the individual consultations in each of the six DPP areas.

[Cumbria](#)

[Cheshire and Warrington](#)

[Norfolk and Suffolk](#)

[Greater Essex](#)

[Hampshire and the Solent](#)

[Sussex and Brighton](#)

15th July 2025 - Launch of APCC guidance on transfer of police and crime functions to a Mayoral Authority

This APCC guidance produced in partnership with the Local Government Association and Leapwise is designed to support P(F)CCs and their offices plan for the changes that need to be considered in readiness for the transfer of policing and crime functions to a Mayoral Authority.

The report is currently being reviewed against the recently published English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill.

Please contact richard.martin@apccs.police.uk for further details.

15th July 2025 – Ministerial briefing for P(F)CCs and Deputy Mayors

Minister for English Devolution and Local Government, Jim McMahon provided a briefing to P(F)CCs and Deputy Mayors on the English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill. This was followed by a Q&A. A number of questions from P(F)CCs were taken away for clarification by officials. The APCC will ensure responses are shared with members as soon as they are received.

IN THE NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

3rd July 2025 - Speech from the Deputy Prime Minister, LGA Conference 2025

Angela Rayner speech to the LGA Annual Conference covering her priorities including a new local government outcomes framework, fair funding review, devolution and local government reorganisation.

How devolution can address health inequalities, Institute for Government DevoLab event saw speakers from three regions set out how the powers and profile of mayors are being used to address health inequalities in their regions. Event available to view.

LINKS TO KEY DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

English Devolution White Paper - MHCLG

English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill: LGA policy summary

The devolution and Local Govt reorganisation hub – LGA

English devolution: mayoral strategic authorities – House of Commons Library

Metro mayors explainer – Institute for Government

The Local Authority Podcast Devolution series

APCC response to government white paper on English devolution

Institute for Government – Mayor profiles

A series of short briefings profiling the current picture in each mayoralty and illustrating the devolution journey each is taking.

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