

East Midlands Devolution Consultation

The consultation will run from 14 November 2022 until
midnight on 9 January 2023

What is the East Midlands County Combined Authority?

On 30 August 2022, Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council entered into a £1.14 billion devolution deal with the Government.

The Councils have now jointly produced a draft proposal which proposes to create a new entity called the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), including an elected Mayor. **Please read the proposal document for more details on all elements of the deal (www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk)**

If the proposal is implemented, existing funding and powers will move from London, directly to us in the East Midlands, which means that local voices will play a greater role in decision making, the area will secure more investment to support future regeneration and will ultimately deliver better outcomes for local communities.

Why are we proposing these changes?

Our vision is for the 2.2 million people who live and work in the EMCCA Area to enjoy better health, greater prosperity, and an increased sense of wellbeing through the opportunities available to them within an inclusive and competitive area at the heart of the country.

We believe that the funding and powers we will receive as part of creating the EMCCA can help us to deliver this vision.

Our shared objectives are:

- 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

The draft proposal on devolution provides a unique opportunity for the EMCCA to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the people who live and work in the area.

We have identified **four priorities** to focus on:

1. **Our homes** – we will work with local authorities, landowners, developers and the full range of housing providers to promote regeneration, create affordable, good quality housing options and to retrofit existing homes to be more environmentally sustainable.
2. **Our skills** - we will work collaboratively with employers, skills providers and local authorities to ensure our citizens have the opportunity to develop key skills and access opportunities to work well and build fulfilling careers. This will also help the creation of a
3. **Our transport** - we will work with transport providers inside and outside the EMCCA Area to develop our collective infrastructure and create the best possible public transport system for our citizens, reflecting the strengths already within the four Councils to set our aspirations and support regeneration.
4. **Our carbon reduction/net zero ambition**– we will work across the Area to lead the way in moving from fossil to fusion and play our part in achieving our national ambition to achieve net zero by 2050. Our ambition is that the EMCCA Area will be a leader in pioneering new forms of clean energy generation and will act as an exemplar for climate change adaptation.

What will devolution mean?

- **£38 million** per annum over the next 30 years - with a total guaranteed funding stream of **£1.14 billion** to help level up the Area.
- The ability for **local voices to play a greater role** in setting and delivering to the Area's priorities.
- Local control over a range of budgets like the Adult Education Budget, so that we can **target our spend** to the needs of people in our communities.
- Local powers to **tackle challenges specific to our Area** and harness its true economic potential, for the benefit of everyone who lives and works here.
- A new Mayor for the Area to give us **a bigger voice, more influence, and a higher profile** to make a strong case to the Government for more investment in the Area.
- Working more effectively on a larger scale across council boundaries, further **strengthening partnership working across and between our counties and cities**; supporting future regeneration and ultimately delivering better outcomes for local communities.

This deal would **not** mean removing or merging local councils. Each council would continue to exist and would still be responsible for most public services in the area. There will be no transfer of district and borough powers as part of the draft proposal.

What do you think?

The four councils have approved a consultation on the draft proposals. This deal would not mean removing or merging local councils.

The draft proposal document is available in the supporting documents section, along with "Frequently Asked Questions" and other documents which you may want to consider. These are available at www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk.

This consultation asks for your views on the different priorities proposed for the EMCCA. **At the end of the survey, you will have the opportunity to provide comments on the draft proposal more generally.**

The results of the consultation will be considered in the first quarter of 2023 when the four councils are asked to consider whether to agree the final proposal for submission to Government. Following submission of the final proposal it will be considered by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and if they are content that the proposal meets the relevant requirements the devolution process will then be progressed, and legislation creating the EMCCA will be laid.

Questionnaire

How are you responding to this consultation?

- I am a member of the public, giving my views as an individual
- I am responding on behalf of, or as a representative of, a business or organisation

Please provide the first half of your postcode:

(e.g. LS1) **PLEASE WRITE IN**

Section 1 – Governance

In order that powers and funding are available, suitable governance arrangements must be put in place which provide Government with assurance that funding will be spent appropriately, and statutory functions will be delivered effectively and efficiently.

The proposed Governance will include:

- A new directly elected Mayor who will bring new powers and funding from central Government to the local level. This includes powers to set a budget and issue a precept.
- In addition, the EMCCA will feature eight members, consisting of a Lead Member and one further member appointed by each Constituent Council (Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council).
- The EMCCA will appoint four non-constituent members from the Area's district and borough councils.
- The EMCCA will also appoint up to a further four non-constituent or associate members.
- The EMCCA will ensure that there is suitable representation from business.

Please find further details in the proposal document enclosed.

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed Governance arrangements for the East Midlands County Combined Authority?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

If you have any comments you would like to make around the Governance proposals, you will have an opportunity at the end of the questionnaire.

Section 2 – Homes

Our homes – we will work with local authorities, landowners, developers and the full range of housing providers to promote regeneration, create affordable, good quality housing options and to retrofit existing homes to be more environmentally sustainable.

Devolution will help us deliver this through:

- £16.8 million of funding controlled locally to spend in 2024/25 to support the building of new homes on brownfield land
- £9 million of housing capital funding to support the delivery of housing priorities
- New, broad powers to acquire and dispose of land to build houses, commercial space and infrastructure, for growth and regeneration.
- The Mayor’s power to designate Mayoral Development Areas and to create Mayoral Development Corporations (which is a statutory body created to bring forward the regeneration of a defined area). This will support delivery on strategic sites across the Area through drawing on existing work, subject to the agreement of local partners.

Please find further details in the proposal document enclosed.

Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals relating to homes?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

If you have any comments you would like to make around the Homes proposals, you will have an opportunity at the end of the questionnaire.

Section 3 – Skills

Our skills - we will work collaboratively with employers, skills providers and local authorities to ensure our citizens have the opportunity to develop key skills and access opportunities to work well and build fulfilling careers. This will also help the creation of a strong and sustainable local economy.

Devolution will help us deliver this through:

- Holding the Adult Education Budget (AEB) from academic year 2025/26
- Owning the ability to set allocations and outcomes to skills providers
- Supporting and shaping the Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) for the Area.

Please find further details in the proposal document enclosed.

Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals relating to skills?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly
agree

Agree

Neither agree
nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly
disagree

Don't know

If you have any comments you would like to make around the Skills proposals, you will have an opportunity at the end of the questionnaire.

Section 4 – Transport

Our transport - we will work with transport providers inside and outside the EMCCA Area to develop our collective infrastructure and create the best possible public transport system for our citizens, reflecting the strengths already within the four Councils to set our aspirations and support regeneration.

Devolution will help us deliver this through:

- A combined transport budget, with the Mayor and the EMCCA responsible for setting a transport strategy for the Area, including for public transport
- An additional £500,000 of funding in both 2023/24 and 2024/25
- The ability to accelerate the delivery of smart, integrated ticketing across all local modes of transport in the Area
- The opportunity to coordinate a Key Route Network (a collection of the most important local authority roads within the Area) across the Area
- Mass transit opportunities, including integrating and potentially expanding the NET tram system, in support of the East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy.

Please find further details in the proposal document enclosed.

Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals relating to transport?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly
agree

Agree

Neither agree
nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly
disagree

Don't know

If you have any comments you would like to make around the Transport proposals, you will have an opportunity at the end of the questionnaire.

Section 5 – Reducing Carbon/ Net Zero

Our carbon reduction/net zero ambition – we will work across the Area to lead the way in moving from fossil to fusion and play our part in meeting the national ambition to achieve net zero by 2050. Our ambition is that the EMCCA Area will be a leader in pioneering new forms of clean energy generation and will act as an exemplar for climate change adaption.

Devolution will help us deliver this through:

- An investment in the EMCCA Area of £9 million via a Net Zero funding pot
- The opportunity to increase the Area’s electricity network capacity
- The opportunity to explore the establishment of heat network zoning in England (this is developing heat networks in specific areas where they can provide the lowest cost, low-carbon heat to consumers) to decarbonise heating and hot water within specific zones
- The potential for increased investment from the UK Infrastructure Bank.

Please find further details in the proposal document enclosed.

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals relating to reducing carbon/net zero?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly
agree

Agree

Neither agree
nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly
disagree

Don't know

If you have any comments you would like to make around the reducing carbon /Net Zero proposals, you will have an opportunity at the end of the questionnaire.

Section 6 – Public Health

Public Health – using powers under the NHS Act 2006, the EMCCA will complement and support the action already being taken by Constituent Councils to improve people’s health and well-being across the Area. This will allow us to consider health and well-being throughout the EMCCA’s activities as well as enable work on local issues where health plays a key role, for example, tackling homelessness and rough sleeping.

Devolution will help us deliver this by:

- Ensuring that improving and protecting the public’s health is a central consideration to everything the EMCCA does, including in environmental considerations, planning, regeneration and transport
- Providing the EMCCA, under the NHS Act 2006, with the opportunity to deliver public health initiatives throughout the Area
- Enabling the EMCCA to support the Constituent Councils with tackling local issues such as homelessness and rough sleeping through integrating the consideration of public health into use of other powers by the EMCCA such as housing powers.

Please find further details in the proposal document enclosed.

Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals relating to public health?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Strongly
agree

Agree

Neither agree
nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly
disagree

Don’t know

If you have any comments you would like to make around the public health proposals, you will have an opportunity at the end of the questionnaire.

Your Comments

Q7. If you have any comments you would like to make about the proposals for the East Midlands Combined County Authority, please tell us using the space below.

PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW

About you

So that we can ensure we capture a diverse range of views through this consultation, it would be helpful if you could provide some information about yourself. This information is not compulsory, so please complete the questions where you feel comfortable.

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If you told us you are responding to the consultation with views that represent a group or organisation please complete questions 8 and 9.

If you told us you are responding as an individual, please skip ahead to question 10.

Responding on behalf of a group or organisation

Q8. Please select the sector that best describes your group or organisation:

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Local government
- Voluntary and community sector
- Elected representative
- Civil service or government
- Charity
- Academic
- Action group
- Transport
- Business (please answer **Q8b-Q8d**)
- Something else
- Prefer not to say

If 'something else' **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

Q8b. If you selected 'business' - please select the sector that best describes your business

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Manufacturing
- Food and drink manufacturing
- Creative and digital
- Health and life sciences
- Low carbon and environmental
- Financial and professional services
- Something else
- Prefer not to say

If 'something else' **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

Q8c. What size organisation?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Large business - a business with 250 or more employees
- Medium-sized business - a business with 50 to 249 employees
- SME - a business with 0 to 49 employees

Q8d. Within which local authority area is your business located?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Derby City Council
- Nottingham City Council
- Amber Valley Borough Council
- Bolsover District Council
- Chesterfield Borough Council
- Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Erewash Borough Council
- North East Derbyshire District Council
- High Peak Borough Council
- South Derbyshire Council
- Ashfield District Council
- Bassetlaw District Council
- Broxtowe Borough Council
- Gedling Borough Council
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- Mansfield District Council
- Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Other/out of area **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

Q9. Please tell us about the group, organisation, or business you represent:

Name of organisation:

Your position in the organisation:

Responding as an individual

Q10. Please tell us which of the Local Authority Areas you live in? (NB - this is the council who collect your bins.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Derby City Council
- Nottingham City Council
- Amber Valley Borough Council
- Bolsover District Council
- Chesterfield Borough Council
- Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Erewash Borough Council
- North East Derbyshire District Council
- High Peak Borough Council
- South Derbyshire Council
- Ashfield District Council
- Bassetlaw District Council
- Broxtowe Borough Council
- Gedling Borough Council
- Newark and Sherwood District Council
- Mansfield District Council
- Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Other/out of area **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

Q11. How do you describe your gender identity?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Prefer to describe as **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

Q12. How old are you?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say | |

Q13. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, limited a lot | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, limited a little | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

Q14. What is your ethnic group identity?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

White/White British

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish traveller
- Eastern European
- Any other White background

Asian/Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Kashmiri
- Any other Asian background

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background

Mixed/multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background

Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

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Q15. What is your religion?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- None
- Christian (all denominations)
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Jewish
- Hindu
- Any other religion
- Prefer not to say

Q16. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Prefer not to say

Prefer to describe as **PLEASE WRITE IN:**

END OF QUESTIONS

**Thank you for completing the consultation document.
Your feedback is important to us.**

**Please return your completed questionnaire to us in an envelope via or freepost address
(no stamp required):**

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by 9 January 2023.

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How will Ipsos UK use any personal data including survey responses you provide?

Firstly, responding to this survey is entirely voluntary and any answers are given with your consent.

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