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## DEVOLUTION DEAL EOI

<b>Preferred geography (upper-tier local authorities in the area)</b>	<p>The upper tier authorities of Kent County Council and Medway Council would like to explore the opportunities for a devolution settlement covering the county region of Kent and Medway.</p> <p>We wish to ensure that our deal includes the 12 city, district and borough councils within Kent.</p>
<b>Initial preference on mayoral / non-mayoral devolution</b>	<p>We would be interested to explore the options with you for a devolution deal that does not require an elected Mayor as we believe the political and organisational structures that already exist in Kent and Medway could offer an exciting opportunity to explore a new model of devolution. However, we would not want any decision to become the issue that prevents a devolution deal for Kent and Medway. We would ideally like to understand the Government's plans due to be set out in the new devolution framework as well as the proposed English Devolution Bill, and to understand more about the role of the new Council of Nations and Regions.</p>
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