



## DEVOLUTION DEAL EOI

<b>Preferred geography (upper-tier local authorities in the area)</b>	<p>The preferred geography for a devolution deal is Kent and Medway, comprising the area covered by Kent County Council and Medway Council.</p> <p>There is agreement between all tiers of local government within the Kent region that the Kent and Medway geography is the most appropriate footprint for a devolution deal, but that any deal must be inclusive of our District, City and Borough Councils.</p>
<b>Initial preference on mayoral / non-mayoral devolution</b>	<p>There is no consensus in the region on a mayoral or non-mayoral devolution deal.</p> <p>There is broad agreement across all tiers of local government that we should remain open to discussions on a mayoral devolution model, but this is fully dependent on scale of the 'mayoral premium' to be outlined in the forthcoming Devolution Framework and English Devolution Bill.</p>
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