



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

What's next for local growth

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Part 1

Context

What are the factors shaping our approach to future and current funding

Part 2

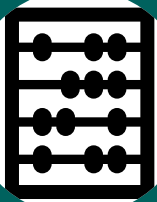
Immediate future

Spending review phase 1

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Longer-term ambitions

Spending review phase 2



On 29th July the Chancellor made a statement to the House of Commons setting out the fiscal inheritance of the government while launching a Spending Review

This means that MHCLG alongside other departments, is:

- Looking to deliver more efficiently
- Preparing a budget pitch for 30th October
- Developing proposals for the multi-year Spending Review in April

Over the last Parliament, MHCLG has launched and delivered a large variety of local growth funds:

- Future High Streets Fund
- Town Deals
- Community Renewal Fund
- Levelling Up Fund
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Long Term Plan for Towns

Alongside many other funds launched by other departments, which has made the funding landscape complex and hard to navigate.



Immediate future

MHCLG continues to deliver local growth interventions locally



Local growth funds

- Continuous improvement of delivery models



Devolution

- The government continues to pursue devolution deals and to deepen existing ones



Funding simplification

- MHCLG and HMT introduced the Funding Simplification Doctrine at the beginning of the year, which requires government departments to consider the impact of their fund design on Local Authorities.



Our ambition is to design a simplified funding landscape, delivering better returns that our current set of funds while providing an incentive for further devolution

This means that we are looking at:

- Reducing the monitoring burden on places
- Integrating capital and revenue funding
- Reducing the number of funding pots with individual rules
- Focus on activities that boost local growth

Future funding is subject to the Spending Review in April 26.

Funding models will need to complement our devolution agenda and the government's five missions.

We know that rural areas face different challenges and opportunities to enhance growth and prosperity and funding design will need to reflect those to enable place focused and place led solutions.

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