

# Devolution in London Report

Aerial view of central London

## Key information

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## How further devolution could benefit London

More business rate powers and responsibilities should be devolved to the Mayor of London to help deliver housing, infrastructure and transport investment for London.

Ten years on from the establishment of the London Assembly's Devolution Working Group, the **GLA Oversight Committee** set out to examine how much progress has been made. It also set out to understand the impact of the Government's levelling-up programme on devolution in London.

The **Committee** held two meetings in City Hall with guests in June and July 2022. As part of the investigation, the Committee submitted evidence to the Public Bill Committee on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, and wrote to the Minister for London about its findings.

The Committee has published a report focusing on fiscal devolution, devolution of public services, health devolution, enhanced powers for the London Assembly and the impact of Levelling Up on London.

The report identifies 21 recommendations aimed at the Mayor, and at both regional and central governments, including:

- The Mayor should have the same powers and responsibilities as the Scottish and Welsh devolved administrations in relation to business rates, including: the ability to determine the timing of revaluations; the setting of the non-domestic rating multiplier; relief and discount policies; and the ability to use locally raised revenues in a targeted way to deliver infrastructure, housing and transport investment.
- The Government should consider the implementation of a tourism levy as a way to raise money for local infrastructure; and carefully consider the impact of schemes in Manchester and Wales.
- The Mayor should work with London Councils to explore further opportunities to scale up net-zero initiatives currently funded by the GLA.
- The Government and the Mayor must commit to working together, and with stakeholders, to develop a clear, long-term investment strategy for London.

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