

# Devon and Torbay Devolution Deal

Working together for better housing,  
jobs and prosperity

## Devon and Torbay's Draft Proposal

We want the people who live and work in Devon and Torbay to be better connected, more competitive, and more prosperous.

We want to create more learning opportunities, construct new homes, foster local business growth, and improve our local transportation system and roads.

## Have your say

Devon County Council and Torbay Council are seeking your views on the proposal to create a Combined County Authority (CCA) for Devon and Torbay.

Full details are available on our website: [www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk](http://www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk)  
or by emailing [devontorbaydeal@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:devontorbaydeal@torbay.gov.uk)

**The consultation closes on 24 March 2024.**

Devon County Council and Torbay Council will consider the results of the consultation during Spring 2024.



## **What is devolution?**

Devolution would move existing funding and powers from London, directly to us in Devon and Torbay. This would mean that local voices would play a greater role in decision making.

We are proposing that the Government devolves powers and funding to a new body called the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (or CCA).

There won't be a re-organisation of existing councils and there won't be an elected mayor.

## **The benefits we believe our proposal will bring to Devon and Torbay**

We believe that establishing a Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority will enable us to make a real difference to people's lives - tackling challenges as well as providing Devon and Torbay with a stronger voice to influence policy for the benefit of our residents, communities and businesses.

### **Our proposal will give the area greater ability to:**

#### **Maximise our economic potential**

We will make sure we have the skilled workforce our local economy needs for the future. We'll work to secure new investment to help create additional high value jobs.

#### **Address our housing pressures**

In partnership, we will deliver investment in affordable housing schemes for local people, reducing homelessness. Greater Community Land Trust-led delivery will support rural and coastal affordable housing delivery.

## **Improve local transport**

We will strengthen our joined-up approach as equal partners, helping to improve the efficiency and co-ordination of public transport. Shared responsibility for strategic transport will support economic growth.

## **Meet our net zero ambitions**

We will unlock Devon and Torbay's huge green economic potential, with more investment in green business growth and attracting inward investment to the area. Our transition to a net-zero economy will be accelerated, capitalising on our area's world-leading expertise in green science and technology.

## **Deliver investment in Devon and Torbay**

There will be local democratic accountability for big investment decisions in the local economy. Business and skills representatives will have a strong voice and a direct route to locally-elected decision-makers.

## **Create a strong and sustainable local economy**

We will support high growth business sectors such as marine engineering, defence, photonics and digital, as well as our traditional strengths of tourism, agritech and food production. Through creating a strong and sustainable local economy, we can increase productivity and pay across Devon and Torbay.



## How would the CCA work?

The CCA would include members of Devon County Council and Torbay Council. It would also include representatives of the district councils and other stakeholders.

The members of the CCA would work together on a formal and legal basis to improve the area for our communities and businesses.

