

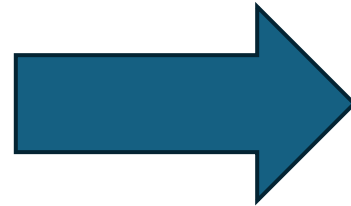
# Hampshire and the Solent Devolution update

Autumn 2025

Devolution = new layer of local  
government and new powers (sort of)

...and its not part of Local Government Reorganisation

# English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill



(Sort of...)



# What will the MCCA do – in brief...



Take on the Strategic Transport Function from Upper Tier Authorities and produce a Local Transport Plan and a Bus Strategy – plus lots more

Responsible for Spatial Planning – new (sort of) function and produce a Spatial Development Strategy

Deliver programmes to support Economic Growth and produce a Growth Plan

Deliver government skills programmes (Careers Hub, Boot Camps etc), Adult Skills Funding, Commission Adult Skills programmes, produce a Skills Strategy

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

# Framework for policy delivery

The diagram shows the **four core policy projects** critical for MCCA readiness.

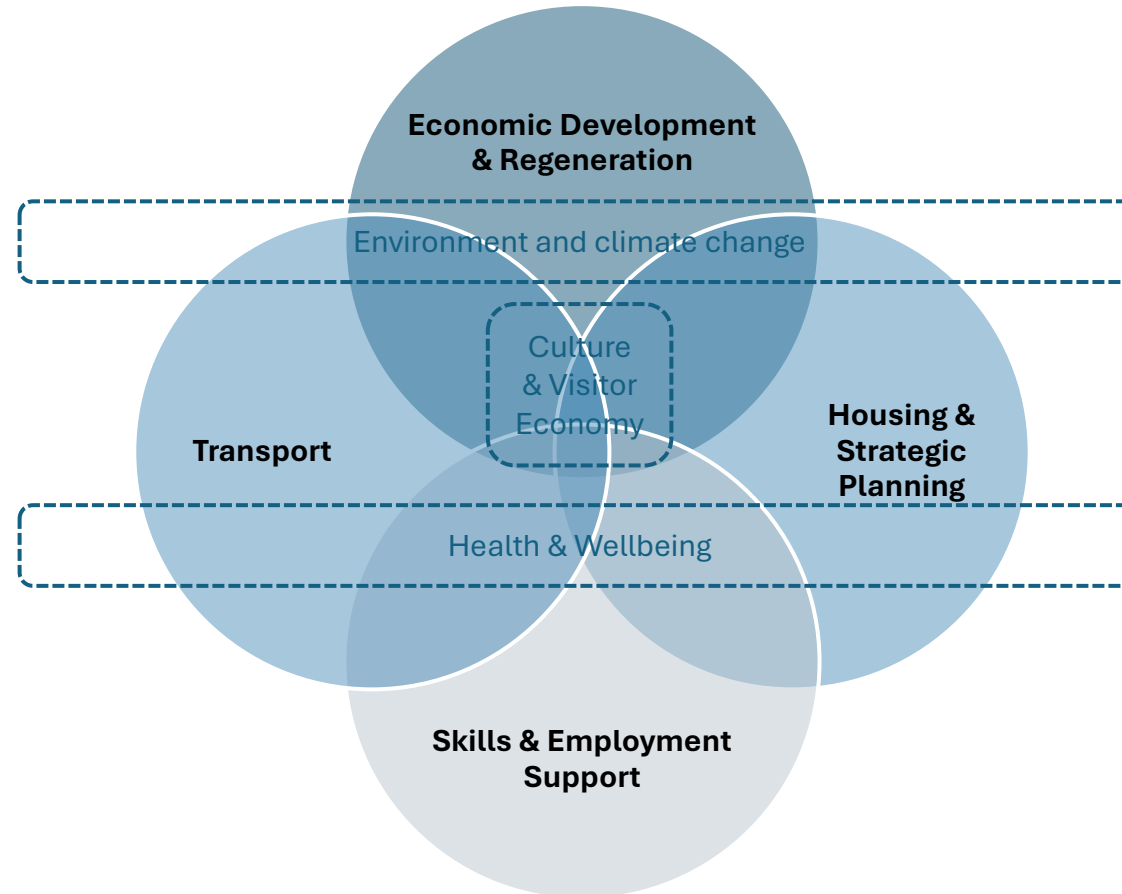
Strategic planning, transport, skills and economic development have statutory duties and deliverables for the MCCA.

There are dependencies on these to draw down funding, exercise powers and statutory duties and/or fulfil government expectations.

The MCCA must have **statutory plans** in each of these four policy areas.

The core policy groups have **embedded representation from other thematic policy areas**.

Thematic groups have fewer or no statutory elements in the English Devolution and Community Engagement Bill (on publication), so there is more time to develop these aspects of the MCCA when it is established.



## Public Safety

Public Safety is a task and finish group to deliver specific outputs for phase 1.

The transition of the PCC and FRS will be managed through the Design & Set Up programme.

There are key decisions on the delivery of public safety functions which can only be taken by the Mayor and will be determined once they are elected.

## Mayoral Priorities

In phase 2, from May 2026, a Mayor will take on specific powers that only they can exercise and fulfil specific roles.

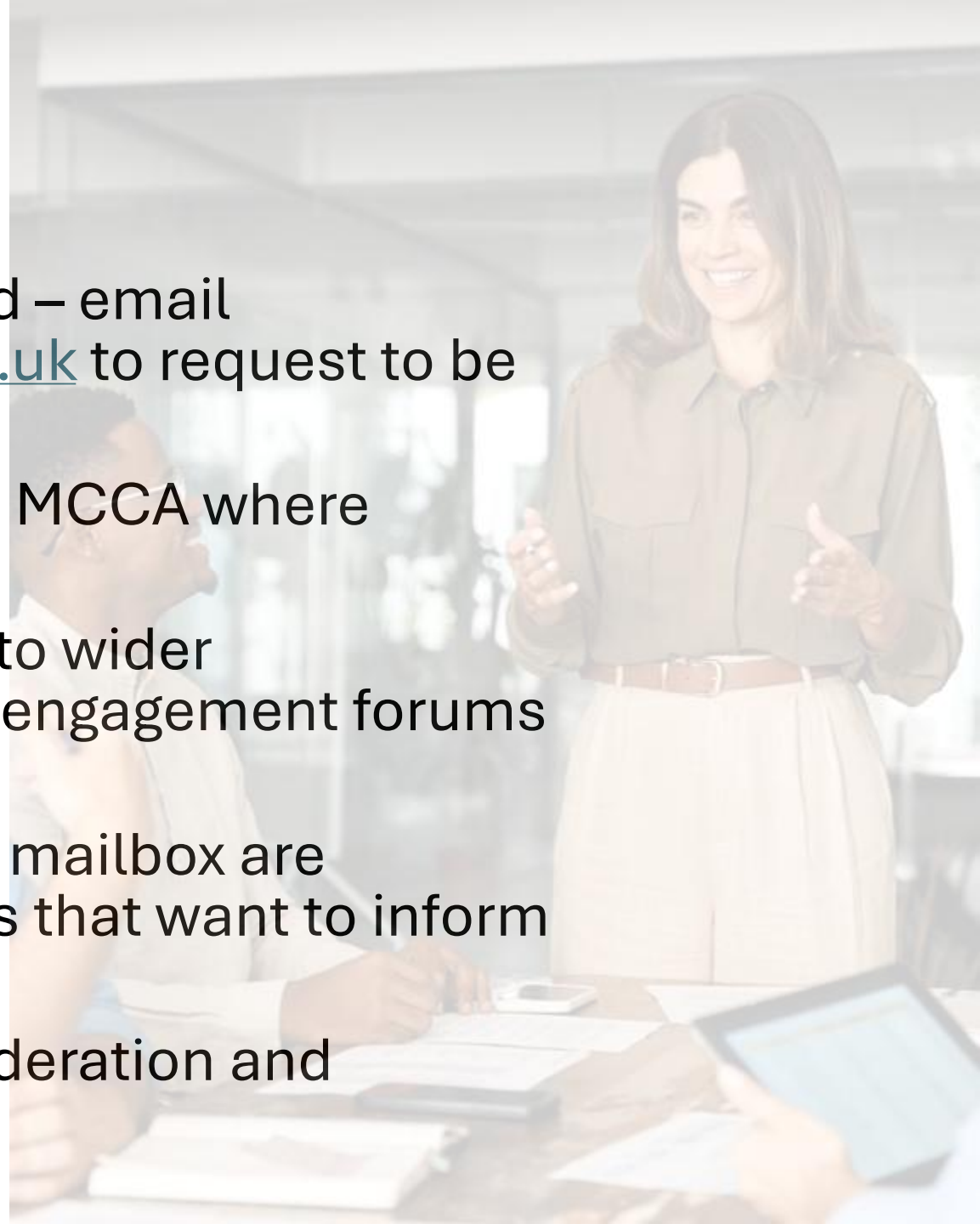
The Mayor's priorities, set out in their electoral campaign, will shape the work of the MCCA from when they come into office.

# Timeline



# Engagement routes

- **A regular comms pack** is distributed – email [HatS.Devolution@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:HatS.Devolution@southampton.gov.uk) to request to be added to the mailing list
- **A website** is being developed for the MCCA where comms and FAQs will be posted
- **Policy projects** will be reaching out to wider stakeholders to invite input, arrange engagement forums and/or use existing BAU forums
- **Suggestions** to the HatS.Devolution mailbox are welcome for representative networks that want to inform the portfolio
- **Further engagement** is under consideration and suggestions are welcome



# Useful documents

- [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill](#)
- [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill: Guidance - GOV.UK](#)
- [Devolution Framework Explainer - Mayoral Strategic Authorities](#)