
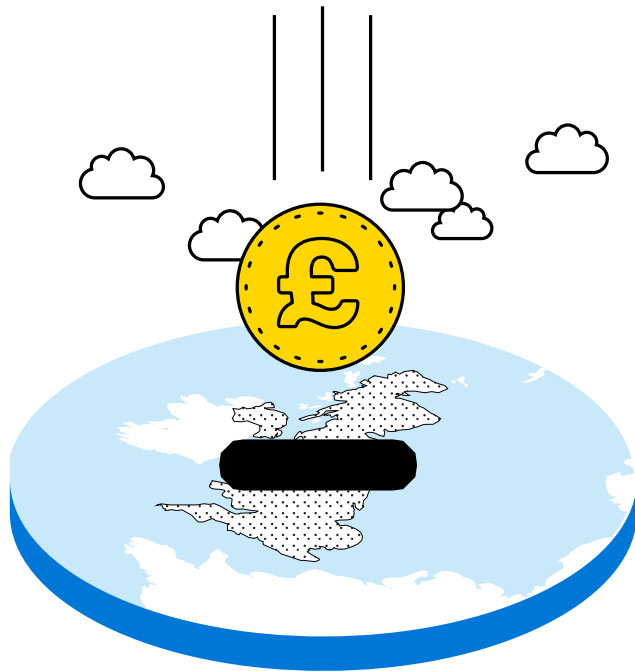


# UK City and Regional Deals – Local priorities for economic growth



**Localism is identified as a key driver in securing the most impactful regeneration in levelling up communities and spreading prosperity. The government has recognised the significant role of local and regional government in setting local priorities and coordinating investments. For this reason, the UK has seen a growing number of city and regional deals which has included the Northern Powerhouse, with metro-mayors serving larger conurbations such as Liverpool, Manchester, and Sheffield.**

Britain's cities are embarking on the Build Back Better agenda with very different starting points. Our cities generally feel well prepared when it comes to accessing renewable energies and broadband technology. They also share common problems such as housing, air pollution and CO2 emissions. Key differences emerge in jobs and economic prosperity. London, with its population of nearly 9 million citizens, is already a major engine of economic growth, with access to employment cited as a key strength. In many of our other major cities, access to employment is seen as a priority to be addressed. Here we set out some of the key variations across key UK cities.