Who Runs London?

A guide to public bodies in the capital

This diagram explaining the complex relationships between those who currently run London is being published at a time when the coalition government has committed to a Decentralisation and Localism Bill. A White Paper can be expected this autumn.

This is a national issue but there is a specific London agenda, given we have a directly elected Mayor and Assembly as well as 33 local authorities. Already we know that some regional agencies, like GOL and the LDA, will go and others, such as Think London and Visit London, may either be merged or have their accountability moved.

That is why LCA and NLA, with some help from Tony Travers of the LSE, have produced this visual guide about public bodies in London, many of which were created as a result of the Greater London Authority Act in 1999, the last major piece of devolution legislation in the capital. It highlights many of the key areas of responsibility and graphically presents the relationship between central, regional and local government. It is indicative only, to prompt debate, and is meant to be apolitical!

We have also provided a brief glossary to give a short explanation and reference point for each organisation.

We would welcome comments about this chart and will keep this on display at the NLA until the end of September.

Do you think these structures work? How would you like it to change? Please post your comments here at NLA and we will pass them onto the Mayor.





The centre for London's built environment

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The Building Centre, 26 Store Street, London WC1E 7BT 020 7636 4044 newlondonarchitecture.org

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1. Acute NHS Trusts

There are 24 Acute Trusts in London, which make sure that the hospitals they manage provide high-quality healthcare and spend the nonce efficiently. They also decide on a strategy for how the hospital will develop, so that services improve. Acute Trusts employ a large part of the NHS workforce. hs.uk/NHSEngland/abouthhs

2. Arts Council The national funding body for the arts in England. It distributes money from centra government and from the National Lottery There is a separate body with responsibilit London, Arts Council London. uncil org uk

3. Association of Colleges –

London Region This organisation aims to extend access to Further and Adult Education in London and represents the 54 Further and Adult Education and sixth form colleges across London. Iondoncolleges.com

4. Big Lottery Fund

This is a grant-making body created to administer the funding obs/ created to followi the creation of the National Lottery. It has an annual expenditure of £630 million. There is a ated London region. tteryfund.org.uk

5. British Transport Police

The national police force for the railways providing a service to rail operators, their staff and passengers. There are three areas: London North, London South and a division that polices btp.police.uk

6. British Waterways

A statutory corporation wholly owned by government. It is the navigation authority for most canals and also some rivers and docks. It as a London regio waterways.co.uk

7. Business Link The government's support service for all businesses. Delivered by 45 county-based Business Link Operators, funded by BERR and nanaged by the nine Regional Develop nan₄₆.. Agencies. husinesslink.gov.uk

8. Business Link in London The regional arm of Business Link, operated by Serco and managed by the London Developmer Agency. It offers a free business advisor vice available to anyone starting or running a small or medium sized business

9. Cabinet

The Cabinet is a formal body composed of the most senior government ministers chosen b the Prime Minister. Members of the Cabinet are collectively responsible for all government policy. In theory, the Prime Minister is first among equals. number10.gov.uk/history-and-tour/cabinet

10. Cabinet Office

This government department is responsible for supporting the Prime Minister and Cabinet. There are about 1,000 members of staff, mainly based in Whitehall. cabinetoffice.gov.uk

11. Central London Forward

A borough-led sub-regional partnership for central London. It brings together six boroughs: Camden, City of London, City of Westminster, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea and Southwark. 27. Environment Agency A non-departmental public body which enhances and protects the environment from issues such as flood or pollution. There is a Thames Region of the Environment Agency that covers the London area. environment-agency.gov.uk

12. City of London Police

This police force is responsible for the safety of everyone in London's 'Square Mile' – 8,600 residents and up to 350,000 daily workers, a well as related issues such as economic crime and counter-ter cityoflondon.police.uk

13. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

This body supports and promotes London as an international film-making hub, supported by the UK Film Council and the LDA. filmlondon.org.uk A public corporation which oversees and es all aspects of aviation in the United 29. Foundation Trusts Kingdom. London is serviced by five major There are 14 healthcare Foundation Trusts in London, which have been created to devolve decision-making to local organisations. They provide and develop services for NHS patients **dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Secondarycare/** airports (Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton, City and nsted) and three smaller ones (Ashford, Biggin Hill and Southend)

14. Commission for Architecture & the Built Environment (CABE)

Funded by DCMS & DCLG, CABE is the government's adviser on architecture, urua design and public space. Its job is to influence and inspire the people making decisions about the built environment cabe.org.uk

15 Crossrail Ltd (CRL)

CRL is the company responsible for creating Crossrail. It is fully owned by TfL. Crossrail will run 118 km from Maidenhead and Heathrow in the west, through 21 km tunnels nder central London to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east crossrail.co.uk

16. Department for Business **32. Government Olympic** novation and Skills Executive (GOE) Part of DCMS, the GOE reports through the

BIS has a wide range of responsibilities including enterprise, science and resea business and training. AS Permanent Secretary to the Minister Olympics. It focuses on oversight of the Games and the 2012 legacy 17. Department for Education 33. Governn

ent Office for London (GOL) GOL represents central government across the capital, delivering policies and programmes for 11 central government departments and making London's case in Whitehall. gos.gov.uk/gol

18. Department for Cor & Local Government (DCLG) It sets policy on local government, housing

bis.gov.uk

ducation.gov.uk

Recently renamed again, it is responsible for young people, as well as schools,

d training.

It sets policy on local government, nousing, urban regeneration, planning and fire and rescue. It also has responsibility for race equality and for building regulations, fire safety and before fire safety. communities.gov.uk

19. Department for Culture.

Its remit includes arts, culture, sport (including

he Olympics), tourism and the National Lotter

the BBC and has joint responsibility with BIS for

20. Department for Environment

This department is responsible for environmental protection, food production and standards, agriculture, fisheries and rural

21. Department for Transport (DfT)

This government department is responsible for the English transport network. dft.gov.uk

implementing strategies aimed at people who receive benefit, need help to get into work or are disabled, as well as older people and people who rether between view

23. Department of Health (DoH)

24. Docklands Light Railway (DLR)

A light rail system that opened in 1987. The

DLR is operated and maintained by Serco and the franchise is due to expire in April 2013. In carries over 67 million passengers a year.

25. East London Business

and some of the Thames Gateway. egacy2020.org

It promotes the preservation of ancient

monuments, historic buildings and conservation areas. There is a Thames Region of English

ritage, which has responsibility for Londor

trust/DH 072543

30. Further Education (FE)

31. Gateway to London (GtL)

Gateway to London provides potential investors in London Thames Gateway with information and help in order to locate in the area. gtlon.co.uk

Colleges

26. English Heritage

ssues. english-heritage.org.uk

28. Film London

It is responsible for government policy on health, social care and the National Health

22. Department for Work

It is responsible for developing and

and Pensions

dh.gov.uk

tfl.gov.uk/dlr

Alliance (ELBA)

and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

It also has responsibility for broadcasting and

Media & Sport (DCMS)

the creative industries. culture.gov.uk

defra.gov.uk

34. Greater London Authority (GLA) The GLA is the city-wide governing body for London. It consists of a directly-elected executive Mayor of London and an elected 25-member London Assembly with scrutiny powers. Iondon.gov.uk

35. Greater London Magistrates Courts Authority All magistrates courts in London are the

onsibility of the Greater London Magistrates Court Authority. 36. Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE)

This body distributes public money for teaching and research to universities and colleges. It aims to promote high quality education and research. hefce.ac.uk

37. Higher Education Institutes There are 41 Universities and Higher Education institutes in London. Iondonhigher.ac.uk

38. Highways Agency

An executive agency, part of the Department for Transport, which has responsibility for managing the core road network in England. highways.gov.uk

39. Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) This is an independent charity created in 1998 to manage Britain's unoccupied royal palaeses. The Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace Kensington Palace, Banqueting House and Kew Palace. HRP is contracted by the DCMS to manage the palaces on The Queen's behalf. hrp.org.uk

40. HM Courts Service

Its remit is to deliver justice effectively and efficiently to the public. They are responsible for managing the magistrates' courts, the Crown Court, courty courts, the High Court and Court of Appeal in England and Wales. hmcourts-service.gov.uk

41. HM Prison Service This agency manages prisons in England and Wales. There are seven prisons in London: Belmarsh, Brixton, Feltham, Ham, Holloway, Pentonville and Wandsworth A sub-regional partnership for East London with a strong private sector and community focus. It operates in Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham

hmprisor service.gov.uk 42. HM Treasury The Treasury is the United Kingdom's economics

and finance ministry. hm-treasury.gov.uk

43. Home Office Responsible for immigration control, security and order. Also for the police, United Kingdom Borders Agency and MI5. It is also in charge of

ment policy on security-related such as drugs, counter-terrorism and ID cards.

44. Homes & Communities Agency (HCA)

The national housing and regeneration agency for England, with an annual investment budget of £8.4km until 2011 through the National Affordable Housing Programme. The HCA was formed on 1 December 2008 along with the enant Services Authority, the regulatory body for Registered Social Landle s.co.uk

45. Homes & Comm

Agency London Board Agency London Events It oversees and directs the investment programme of the HCA in London, within the scheme set by the HCA Board. It is chaired by the Mayor of London. homesandcommunities.co.uk/london

46. Job Centre Plus

The government's employment agency facility and the social security office for working-age people in Great Britain. iobcentreplus.gov.uk

There are 54 in London - FE includes education for people over 16 (and usually excludes universities). They are generally either sixth form colleges or a college of further education and adult education. 47. Learning & Skills Council (LSC)

A body responsible for planning and funding education and training for everyone in England other than those in universities. There are nine regional offices overseeing the work of local partnership teams throughout the country. Isc gov uk

48. Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA)

at East India Dock Basin.

eevalleypark.org.uk

An independent statutory public authority established by an Act of Parliament. The Park stretches 26 miles along the banks of the River Lee, from Ware in Hertfordshire to the Thames ubsidiary of Transport for Londor 64. Lord Mayor

49. London Ambulance Service (LAS)

One of 12 Ambulance Trusts which receives direct government funding for its role. It is the only London-wide NHS Trust. **Jondonambulance.nhs.uk**

50. London Assembly This body has the power, with a two-thirds majority, to amend the Mayor's annual budget It is also able to investigate other issues of importance to Londoners, publish its findings and recommendations, and make proposals to the Mayor.

Directly-elected by London residents, the Mayor sets a vision for the capital and has a statutory requirement to produce strategies on how it will be achieved. He has planning powers as well as responsibility for setting the budget for policing transport, economic development and fire and emergency planning. He is an ambassador and champion for London on a national and ondon.gov.uk/assembly international stage. London.gov.uk/mayor **51. London Councils** 66. Members of Parliament (MPs)

A cross-party organisation, funded and run by all London authorities to work on their behalf. It acts as the employers' organisation for 32 of ondon's borough

ondoncouncils.gov.uk

52. London Criminal Justice Board This Board works with the agencies that make up the Criminal Justice System - the police, the he Criminal Justice System - the pol rts, victim support, the probation se youth justice services and the prisons - t ensure that anyone who has anything to do with the system in London experiences an effective ind responsive service. **cjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/london/home.html**

53. London Development Agency (LDA) The Regional Development Agency for Greate London. It is a functional body of the Greater London Authority and is responsible for ondon's sustainable economic growth

Ida.gov.uk

54. London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA)

Its principal purpose is to run the London Fire Brigade. It makes decisions on key matters such as strategy, policy and the Brigade's budget. The 17 members of LFEPA are appointed by the Mayor of London.

ondon-fire.gov.uk/FireAuthority.asp

55. London Fire Brigade The statutory fire and rescue service for Lor It is the third-largest fire service in the worl with nearly 7,000 staff, of which 5,800 are ondon-fire.gov.uk

56. London Health Commision The London Health Comission works in partnership with agencies across the capital to reduce health inequalities and improve the health and well being of all Londoners. ondon gov uk/lhr

57. London Metropolitan Archive

This body holds records for many religious, public, business, local authority and other citvoflondon.gov.uk/lma 58. London Pensi Fund Authority

A pension fund administration or that maintains its own fund and is a key figure in administering the Local Governm Pension Scheme.

59. London Skills & **Employment Board** This body was established to provide leadership n improving adult skills and employment in ondon. It is chaired by the Mayor of London. ondon.gov.uk/Iseb

pfa.org.uk

60. London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC) This body has a statutory remit to regenerate and economically develop its area, which covers the Lower Lea Valley and the London Riverside region.

ltgdc.org.uk 61. London TravelWatch

The official watchdog organisation, which represents the interests of transport users in and around the capital. It is sponsored by the London Assembly. ondontravelwatch.org.uk

62. London Waste &

Recycling Board

The Mayor chairs this body, which works with oroughs to boost recycling in the capital and educe the amount of waste sent to landfill. warb.gov.uk

63. London Underground (LUL) 79. Natural England LUL operates the entire underground network ince 2003 LUL has been a wholly owned

As the head of the City of London Corporation

As the head of the city of Editori corporati the Lord Mayor promotes the UK financial services industry both domestically and overseas. The Lord Mayor, who also support

65. Mayor of Lond

seven Liberal Democrats. parliament.uk/directories

health problems.

68 MFPs

67. Mental Health Trusts

There are three in London, which provide health

nd social care services for people with mental

There are eight Members of the European Parliament. Their job is to represent London interests in Europe. There are three Conservative, two Labour and one Lib Dem,

Green and UKIP member. europarl.org.uksection/list-region/london

The police authority responsible for superv the Metropolitan Police Service. It consists members. A Deputy Mayor chairs the Author mpa.gov.uk

69. Metropolitan Police

70. Metropolitan Police Commissioner

Authority (MPA)

the Corporation's other responsibilities including providing local services, is elected for a one yea term and the position is unpaid and apolitical.

The government's advisor on the natural nment. It provides practical advice rounded in science, on how best to safeguard ingland's natural wealth. There is a London BOROUGHS

lbbd.gov.uk

Barnet

barnet.gov.u

Bexley

Brent

brent.gov.uk

bromley.gov.uk

camden.gov.uk

City of Londor

cityoflondon.gov.uk

Crovdon

Ealing

ealing.gov.uk

Enfield

enfield.gov.uk

Greenwich

Hackney

lbhf.gov.uk

Haringev

Harrow

harrow.gov.u

Havering

havering.gov.uk

Hillingdon

hillingdon.gov.uk

hounslow.gov.uk

islington.gov.uk

rbkc.gov.uk

kingston.gov.uk

Lambeth

lambeth.gov.uk

Lewisham

lewisham.gov.uk

Merton

merton.gov.uk

Newham

newham.gov.ul

Redbridge

redbridge.gov.uk

richmond.gov.uk

Southwark

Sutton

sutton.gov.ul

Tower Hamlets

towerhamlets.gov.uk

Waltham Forest

walthamforest.gov.uk

andsworth.gov.uk

City of Westminster westminster.gov.uk

Wandsworth

southwark.gov.uk

Richmond upon Thames

Royal Borough of

Royal Borough of

Kingston upon Thame

sington & Chelse

haringev.gov.uk

hackney.gov.u

Hammersmith & Fulham

greenwich.gov.u

croydon.gov.uk

bexley.gov.uk

Barking and Dagenham

94. London Higher / Study London

education institutions. Its Study London divisio

motes London as an educational destination

London Higher represents the capital's higher

95. Thames Gateway London

A sub-regional partnership, supported by 12 boroughs in the Thames Gateway London area, five universities, the local Learning and Skills Council and the strategic health organisation.

Think London is London's official foreign direct

97. Transport for London (TfL)

TfL is the regional government body respon for most aspects of the transport system in Greater London. Its role is to implement the

transport strategy and to manage transpor

98. Transport Operational Command Unit

This unit "keeps London moving safely on the London bus system, and in the cab and private vehicle hire industry", through regular patrols and intelligence-led operations. It reports to

The Agency was formed in 2008 to improve the United Kingdom's security through strong border protection while welcoming legitimate

The strategic body for film, whose main aim is to stimulate a successful film industry and to promote enjoyment and understanding

It works in partnership with the home countr uncils and other agencies to "lead

sport in the UK to world-class success." It is

esponsible for managing and distributing publi

102. UK Trade & Investment (UKTI)

UKTI helps companies "succeed in the global

to maximise their international success and provides companies with knowledge, advice

This agency promotes the British tourism industry overseas and within Britain. **visitbritain.org**

The official visitor organisation for the capital, funded by the London Development Agency. It promotes business and leisure tourism. **visitlondon.com**

105. West London Business

The Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Agency for West London it

106. West London Alliance

This is a public sector partnership, bringing together six boroughs - Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdor and Hourslow - for the purposes of strategic planning, lobbying and sharing resources. westlondonalliance.org

107. West London Partnership

108. Youth Justice Board

wln.ac.uk

yjb.gov.uk

It is the public/private sector body, combining WLB and the WLA along with the third sector, with the objective of providing strategic leadership and representation for the sub-region.

This body oversees the youth justice system in England and Wales. It works to prevent offending and reoffending by anyone under the age of 18, and to ensure that custody for them

represents some 800 businesses, providing them with member services and lobbying advocacy as well as managing publicly funded programmes for business retention, export and innovation. westlondor.com

economy". It works with individual bi

and support. -----adeinvest.gov.uk

103. Visit Britain

104. Visit London

nume London's control of the anti-investment agency. It is a not-for-profit private-public partnership. It is funded by the LDA and other commercial partners.

Partnership (TGLP)

thames-gateway.org.uk

96. Think Londor

inklondon.com

vices across Londo

met.police.uk/transport

lers and trade

bia.homeoffice.gov.uk

99. UK Border Agency

100. UK Film Council

uncil.org.uk

101. UK Sport

uksport.gov.uk

tfl.gov.uk

the MPS

udvlondon.ac.uk

80. Network Rail Network Rail owns and operates the fixed infrastructure assets of the British railway

ystem. ~tworkrail.co.uk 81. NHS London

A strategic health authority of the National Health Service. It carries out policy set by the DoH at a regional level. Each SHA area contain various NHS trusts which take responsibility for running or commissioning local NHS services. unning or comi ondon.nhs.uk

82. North London Business This is a business-led sub regional partnership that is the official agency for economic development within North London. Jevelopment within northlondon.org.uk

83. North London There are now 73 London MPs following the 6 May election - 38 Labour, 28 Conservative and Strategic Alliance It is the sub-regional strategic partnershi or North London and brings together public

private and voluntary organisations. Its borough embers are Barnet, Enfield, Haringey and nlsa.org.uk

84. Office of Rail Regulation A statutory board which is the combined economic and safety regulatory authority for the railway network. It is operationally independent of central government. rail-reg.gov.uk

85. Olympic Board The Olympic Board provides oversight, strategic coordination and monitoring of the entire 2012 Games project, ensuring the delivery and a sustainable legacy from the Games.

86. Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) The government body responsible for deliverin ew venues, transport and infrastructure for th ondon 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

87. Olympic Park

legacy Com

(PLA)

31 in Londor

It will hand the sites over to LOCOG, a private company, in 2011 and LOCOG will run then indon-2012.co.uk/ODA

anisation responsible for the long-ter nning, development, management and intenance of the Olympic Park and its

acilities after the London 2012 Games

88. Port of London Authority

A public trust established in 1908 by the Port of London Act, whose responsibility is for the Tideway of the River Thames. pla.co.uk

89. Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)

A type of NHS trust that provides primary and

community services or commissions them from other providers. PCTs have their own budgets and priorities. They provide funding for GPs and nedical prescriptions; they also commission

spital and mental health services. There are

It manages and conserves: Bushy Park, Green Park, Greenwich Park, Hyde Park, Kensington

Gardens, Regent's Park (and Primrose Hill).

This is a business led sub-regional partnership

Its aim is "to help South London prosper by

representing and promoting business' inte to local, regional and central government'

92. South London Partnership

93. Sport England

A borough-focused sub-regional partnership - it

works with seven boroughs: Bromley, Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth, as well as other strategic partners southlondonpartnership.co.uk

Responsible for delivering the government's

Responsible for delivering the government's sporting objectives in order to encourage greater participation in sport and the development of grassroots sport. There is a London division which works to promote and invest in sport, specifically in the region. sportengland.org

ondon.nhs.uk/your-nhs-in-london

90. Royal Parks Agency

Richmond Park, St James's Park,

91. South London Business

royalparks.org.uk

71. Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) This is the public sector, not-for-profit organisation responsible for the long-term

supervising nosists of 23

The territorial police force responsible for law ment within Greater London, excluding he City of Londor net.police.uk

The Commissioner is regarded as the leading British Police officer in the United Kingdom and

heads the Metropolitan Police Service. net.police/ukabout

72. Minister for the Olympics Responsible for overseaing the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as the lasting legacy.

73. Ministry of Justice Government department responsible for crimina justice policy, sentencing policy, probation, prisons and prevention of re-offending. ustice.gov.uk

Monitor is the independent regulator of NHS

monitor-nhsft.gov.uk 75. Museums. Archive & Library Council

This national body promotes best practice in museums, libraries and archives. **mla.gov.uk**

This is one of the world's largest urban history

nuseums and cares for over two million object

in its collection. It is jointly funded by the City

76. Museum of London

of London and the GLA. museumoflondon.org.uk

77. National Offenders

Management Service

probation.homeoffice.gov.uk

A department of the Ministry of Justice responsible for the correctional service justice.gov.ukabout/noms.htm

78. National Probation Service

This service exists to minimise the impact of crime on communities and in particular, to support those who have been affected by crim They also have a role to rehabilitate offenders There is also a London Probation Board.

74. Monitor