

Who Runs London?



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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.

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