

£1 BILLION REASONS TO VOTE FOR YOUR WEST OF ENGLAND MAYOR



Our **£1 billion deal** with the Government puts new investment and decision-making power in local hands.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is devolution?**

West of England devolution is a deal with national Government to transfer some of its funding and decision making powers to the West of England region (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, South Gloucestershire). As part of the deal we need to have a regional authority and an elected regional Mayor.

- **What powers does the West of England Combined Authority have?**

It will have the ability to make local decisions about adult education and skills, employment, building new homes and transport.

- **What is the difference between the West of England Combined Authority Mayor, Bristol Mayor and Council Leaders?**

The West of England Combined Authority Mayor will be responsible for the additional powers and money devolved to the West of England Combined Authority. The Bristol Mayor and Council Leaders of Bath & North East Somerset and South Gloucestershire will continue to be responsible for all of their current council services, except where they choose to transfer some of their powers to the Combined Authority.

- **What happens to the existing local councils?**

Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire councils will still exist. The West of England Combined Authority powers are in addition to and complement the existing powers within the local councils.

Election helplines:

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| Bath & North East Somerset | 01225 477 333 |
| Bristol | 0117 922 3400 |
| South Gloucestershire | 01454 863 030 |

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