

DEVELOPING STRATEGIC AUTHORITIES



SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

LEADING WITHOUT A BLUEPRINT

Strategic Authorities are central to the government's devolution agenda - driving growth, transforming public services, shaping policy, and ensuring public funding delivers lasting impact. They build on their founding councils' commitment to reimagine their places and invest in meaningful outcomes. Yet, there is no blueprint for how they should be set up, structured or operate.

Some get it right, delivering, for example, better transport, housing, growth and skills. But some don't, with governance concerns, periods of intervention, and difficult, unproductive relationships compromising or stalling their potential.

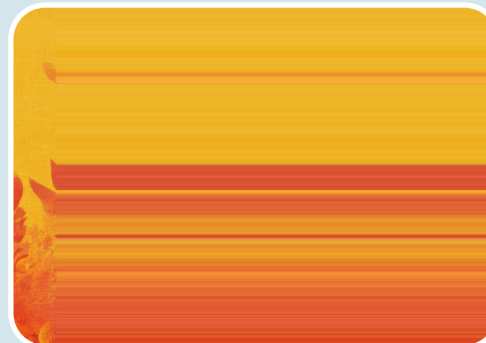
Right now, as the existing Strategic Authorities mature and new ones emerge and develop, this is a pivotal moment. Leaders must know how to shape the culture, institutions and partnerships their communities and regions need, supported by shared learning, strong leadership development, and a commitment to defining what great looks like.

We are uniquely positioned to help. The Leadership Centre, with 21 years of experience in place and system leadership, is launching 'Developing Strategic Authorities'. This new offer connects experienced practitioners with those developing Strategic Authorities to build the leadership, vision and capability needed for long-term success.



Our offer – from quick help when you need it, to a deeper longer-term partnership

The Leadership Centre team has significant experience in setting up, improving, turning round and developing strategic authorities, creating the culture and practices necessary to succeed. We have worked together to develop a number of interventions to help you, whether you are just getting going or have been in existence for some time. Further detail and testimonials are available.



Specialist Facilitation

The relational landscape of strategic authorities is complex and sometimes contested. We have developed methods of convening the players to create a **shared vision, strategic priorities** and **effective ways of working**. We have found that our presence as a neutral third party helps to create better outcomes

Consultancy

Our team has worked at the most senior levels in strategic authorities and can offer advisory services tailored for your developmental needs. Our peer-informed **maturity matrix** provides a common framework for development in strategic authorities, and we can share the lessons that only experience can teach

Leadership Development

Leading in systems and in places requires particular skills to develop a culture of results through collaboration. The Leadership Centre has decades of experience, of **training, coaching and mentoring leaders**, and our team contains people who can develop the individual and collective leadership skills of officers and politicians

Transformation Partnership

We have long term relationships with several strategic authorities and, as a charity, we have a mission to develop the sector's practice - driven by purpose, not profit. We have developed tools and techniques to **assess and develop the performance, people, place and relationship** dimensions of an SA's work, as part of a programme of transformational change

AN UNRIVALLED TEAM TO SUPPORT YOU

This programme brings together a team of experts in the field of establishing, developing and leading Strategic Authorities.



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