# 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.

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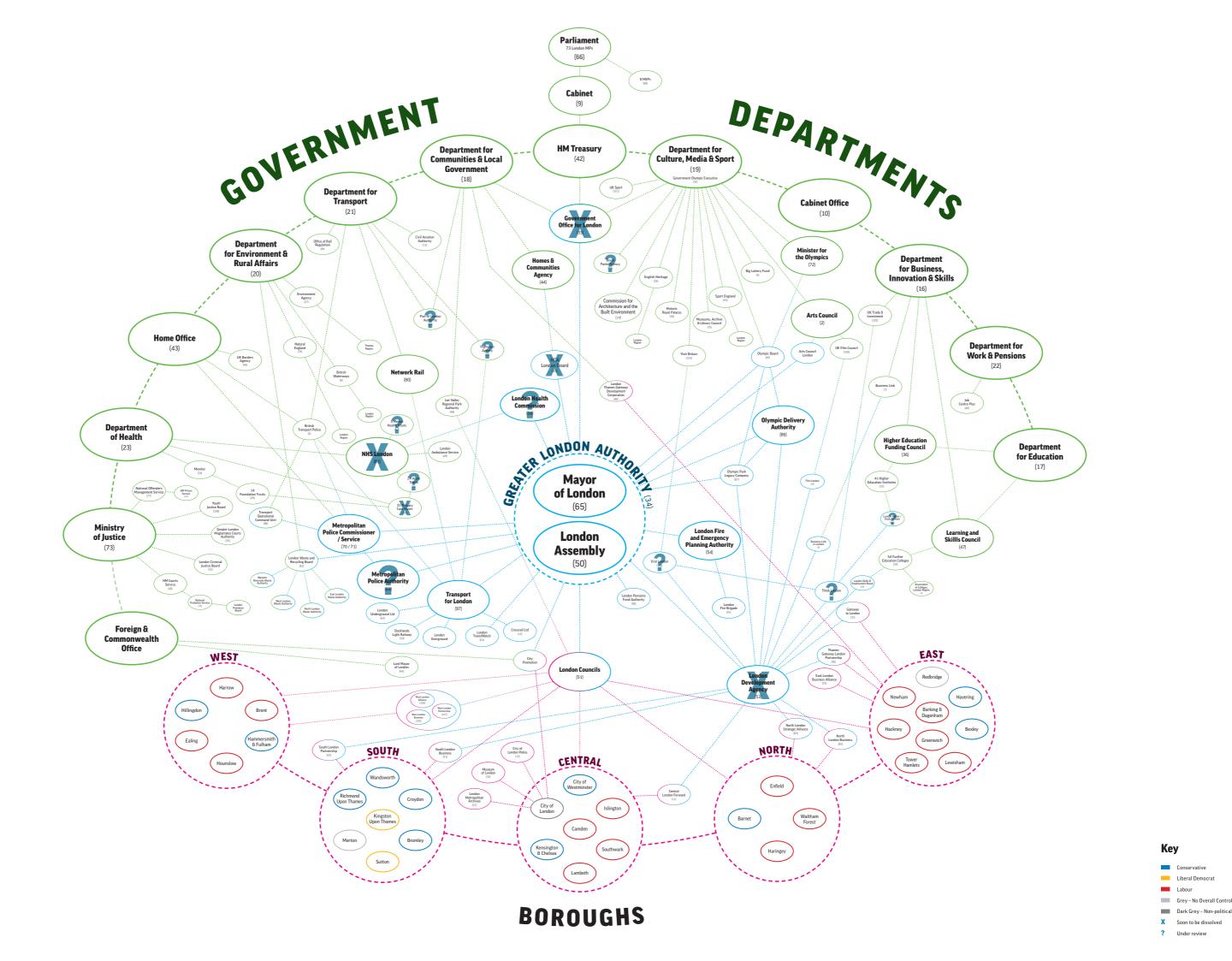
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1. Acute NHS Trusts

There are 24 Acute Trusts in London, which make sure that the hospitals they manage provide high-quality healthcare and spend the money 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. nhs.uk/NHSEngland/aboutnhs

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 4. Big Lottery Fund

This is a grant-making body created to administer the funding of good causes following the creation of the National Lottery. It has an annual expenditure of £630 million. There is a

## 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

waterways.co.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

## 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 Develor

#### 8. Business Link in London

The regional arm of Business Link, operated by Serco and managed by the London Developmen 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

## 10. Cabinet Office

## 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.

#### 12. City of London Police

cityoflondon.police.uk

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

### 13. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

A public cornoration which oversees and es all aspects of aviation in the United Kingdom. London is serviced by five major 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, urbal design and public space. Its job is to influence and inspire the people making decisions about 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

#### 16. Department for Business. novation and Skills

BIS has a wide range of responsibilities including enterprise, science and resea business and training.

## 17. Department for Education

#### 18. Department for Cor & Local Government (DCLG)

It sets policy on local government, housing it sets poincy on ioca 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. Media & Sport (DCMS)

Its remit includes arts, culture, sport (including the Olympics), tourism and the National Lotter It also has responsibility for broadcasting and the BBC and has joint responsibility with BIS for the creative industries. culture.gov.uk

#### 20. Department for Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

This department is responsible for environmental protection, food production and standards, agriculture, fisheries and rural defra.gov.uk

## 21. Department for Transport (DfT)

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

#### 22. Department for Work and Pensions

It is responsible for developing and implementing strategies aimed at people who recevie benefit, need help to get into work or are disabled, as well as older people and people who

## 23. Department of Health (DoH)

24. Docklands Light Railway (DLR) A light rail system that opened in 1987. The

## 25. East London Business

Alliance (ELBA) A sub-regional partnership for East London with a strong private sector and community focus. It operates in Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and some of the Thames Gateway. legacy2020.org

#### 26. English Heritage

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

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

### 28. Film London

This body supports and promotes London as an international film-making hub, supported by the UK Film Council and the LDA. filmlondon.org.uk

### 29. Foundation Trusts

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/ trust/DH 072543

#### 30. Further Education (FE) Colleges

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.

## 31. Gateway to London (GtL)

#### 32. Government Olympic Executive (GOE)

Part of DCMS, the GOE reports through the Games and the 2012 legacy

## 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

### 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

#### 35. Greater London Magistrates Courts Authority

All magistrates courts in London are the onsibility of the Greater London Magistrates

### 36. Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE)

## 37. Higher Education Institutes There are 41 Universities and Higher Education

### 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 palaces: The Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace Kensington Palace, Banqueting House and Kew Palace. HBP is contracted by the DCMS to manage the palaces on The Queen's behalf.

### 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, county 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 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 £8.4bn 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 Landlo

### 45. Homes & Commi Agency London Board

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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.

## 47. Learning & Skills Council (LSC)

A hody 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.

#### 48. Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA)

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 at East India Dock Basin. eevalleypark.org.uk

## 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.

#### 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.

## 51. London Councils

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 London's horougher.

#### 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 nsure that anyone who has anything to do with the system in London experiences an effective

#### 53. London Develonment 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.

## 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

### 56. London Health Commission

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.

## 57. London Metropolitan Archive

73. Ministry of Justice This body holds records for many religious, public, business, local authority and other Government department responsible for crimina justice policy, sentencing policy, probation, prisons and prevention of re-offending. 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.

## 60. London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC)

77. National Offenders ltgdc.org.uk A department of the Ministry of Justice responsible for the correctional service justice.gov.ukabout/noms.htm

### 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) LUL operates the entire underground network

The government's advisor on the natural ince 2003 LUL has been a wholly owned nment. It provides practical advice ubsidiary of Transport for Londor rounded in science, on how best to safeguard England's natural wealth. There is a London

79. Natural England

80. Network Rail

81. NHS London

83. North London

Strategic Alliance

nlsa.org.uk

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

A strategic health authority of the National

82. North London Business

It is the sub-regional strategic partnershi

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

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.

The government hody responsible for delivering

It will hand the sites over to LOCOG, a private

company, in 2011 and LOCOG will run then

ew venues, transport and infrastructure for the ondon 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

85. Olympic Board

86. Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA)

indon-2012.co.uk/0DA

87. Olympic Park

or North London and brings together public

private and voluntary organisations. Its borough

embers are Barnet, Enfield, Haringey and

This is a business-led sub regional partnership that is the official agency for economic development within North London.

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.

### 64. Lord Mayor

As the head of the City of London Corporation the Lord Mayor promotes the UK financial services industry both domestically and overseas. The Lord Mayor, who also support

#### 65. Mayor of Lond

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

## 66. Members of Parliament (MPs)

There are now 73 London MPs following the 6 May election - 38 Labour, 28 Conservative and seven Liberal Democrats.
parliament.uk/directories

### 67. Mental Health Trusts

There are three in London, which provide health nd social care services for people with mental 68 MFPs

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

#### 69. Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA)

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

## 70. Metropolitan Police Commissioner

The Commissioner is regarded as the leading British Police officer in the United Kingdom and neads the Metropolitan Police Service. net.police/ukabout

#### 71. Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)

72. Minister for the Olympics

Responsible for overseaing the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games as well

Monitor is the independent regulator of NHS

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

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.

75. Museums, Archive &

76. Museum of London

of London and the GLA. museumoflondon.org.uk

Management Service

probation.homeoffice.gov.uk

Library Council

as the lasting legacy.

74. Monitor

This is the public sector, not-for-profit organisation responsible for the long-term The territorial police force responsible for lay 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 (PLA)

A public trust established in 1908 by the Port of London Act, whose responsibility is for the Tideway of the River Thames. 89. Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) A type of NHS trust that provides primary and

#### spital and mental health services. There are ondon.nhs.uk/your-nhs-in-london

90. Royal Parks Agency It manages and conserves: Bushy Park, Green Park, Greenwich Park, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Regent's Park (and Primrose Hill). Richmond Park, St James's Park,

## 91. South London Business

royalparks.org.uk

This is a business led sub-regional partnership Its aim is "to help South London prosper by representing and promoting business' into to local, regional and central government'

## 92. South London Partnership

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

## 93. Sport England

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

## 94. London Higher / Study London

London Higher represents the capital's higher education institutions. Its Study London divisio

#### 95. Thames Gateway London Partnership (TGLP)

#### 96. Think Londor

Think London is London's official foreign direct

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 tfl.gov.uk

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

#### 100. UK Film Council

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

102. UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) UKTI helps companies "succeed in the global economy". It works with individual bu

104. Visit London

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. westlondon.com

## 106. West London Alliance

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

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

#### 97. Transport for London (TfL)

101. UK Sport It works in partnership with the home country uncils and other agencies to "lead sport in the UK to world-class success." It is

## 103. Visit Britain

#### **BOROUGHS**

Barking and Dagenham

Bexley

brent.gov.uk

bexley.gov.uk

cityoflondon.gov.uk

greenwich.gov.u

## Hammersmith & Fulham

haringev.gov.uk

havering.gov.uk

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

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

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. wlnacuk

croydon.gov.uk

## ealing.gov.uk

## hackney.gov.u

hillingdon.gov.uk

islington.gov.uk Royal Borough of

107. West London Partnership

## 108. Youth Justice Board

## 98. Transport Operational Command Unit

met.police.uk/transport 99. UK Border Agency

### esponsible for managing and distributing publi uksport.gov.uk

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

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

105. West London Business

lbbd.gov.uk

Brent

## City of London

Enfield enfield.gov.uk

lbhf.gov.uk

kingston.gov.uk lambeth.gov.uk

#### Merton merton.gov.uk

lewisham.gov.uk

newham.gov.ul

redbridge.gov.uk Richmond upon Thames

## southwark.gov.ul

**Tower Hamlets** 

richmond.gov.uk

towerhamlets.gov.uk Waltham Forest walthamforest.gov.uk

andsworth.gov.uk

City of Westminster westminster.gov.uk