

Prospectus

Purpose of the Commission

“There are deep-rooted inequalities across the UK. These are not inevitable. However, we lack the long-term thinking and spatial economic plan needed to tackle them. The UK2070 Commission will seek to fill this gap through a national inquiry and debate on the nature of the problems and set out the actions needed to address them.”

Lord Kerslake, October 2018

The UK2070 Commission

The UK2070 Commission is an independent inquiry into the spatial inequalities across the UK, chaired by Lord Kerslake. Its purpose is to deliver change.

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- **The Goals of the Commission**

The goals of the UK2070 Commission are:

- To illuminate the imbalances in the nature of economic activity, including the patterns of investment, wealth, taxation and public expenditure, and the related social and environmental conditions across the United Kingdom:
- To illustrate the potential of national and regional spatial economic frameworks which enable and support regional and local action and priorities; and

To identify policy interventions and mechanisms for collaboration to address imbalances between regions and nations, such as governance and fiscal instruments including local taxation, land value capture and intergovernmental transfers.

TABLE 1 : COMMISSIONERS
Lord Kerslake (Chair)
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Armando Carbonell
Jagjit Chadha
Ed Cox
Emma Degg
Trudi Elliott
Julia Goldsworthy
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Anna Leach
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Mark Sitch
Hugh Sykes
John Tomaney
Phil Williams
Cecilia Wong
Ian Wray
Michael Henson

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- **The Commissioners**

- The Commissioners (Table 1) are drawn from a wide range of backgrounds, as well as including representatives of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and the three sponsoring universities of Manchester, Sheffield and UCL.

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- **The Steering Group**

- The Commission is supported by a Steering Group comprising the LI, three sponsoring universities, The RSA, Turner & Townsend and the Common Futures Network. The coordination of the Steering Group and its chair is provided by the University of Manchester. The Steering Group will co-opt support as appropriate to ensure the assist the delivery of the Commission programme of activities.

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- **The Partnership**

- The UK2070 Commission was established by the partnership of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the Universities of Manchester, Sheffield and University College London with generous help from the Sir Hugh and Lady Sykes Charitable Trust, and in collaboration with the Common Futures Network and with project management and facilitation support provided by Turner & Townsend.
- Its work is underpinned by the generous contributions of time, effort and resources by the Commissioners and their respective organisations. This includes support for specific programme activities by AECOM, Barton Willmore, CBI, CU, IPPR(N), LCC, NIESR, NWBLT, The RSA and WMCA (Appendix: Commissioners & Steering Group Members).
- The Commission welcomes additional collaboration and sponsorship from third parties.

Context for the Commission

The embedded and growing inequalities between the cities and regions and nations of the United Kingdom need to be challenged and are starting to be challenged. For example, In Scotland there is an Equality Evidence Framework and Wales was first government to bring in specific equality duties for public bodies. In England, cities and combined authorities are increasingly taking ownership of this challenge through the devolution agenda. The scale of structural and spatial inequalities however will not be tackled by local action alone, i.e. at the community or even city region level. A higher-level context is needed within which regional and local enterprise and action can flourish and take decisions with confidence.

The need for action is heightened by the political and economic uncertainties brought about by Brexit and wider global challenges, particularly from technological and climate change. A sustainable and people-centred approach to urban and regional development, and cities and regions in the UK is needed to provide a clearer vision for development and collaboration. The publication of the National Infrastructure Plan, the National Industrial Strategy and a UK Environment Plan highlight the need for an integrated approach and better collaboration between administrations.

Communities and businesses also need to be given the confidence that deep-rooted regional disparities in national socio-economic conditions will not persist and that their investment prospects and well-being will not be undermined. This common future requires development policies and programmes to be sensitive to differing needs across the United Kingdom. A longer-term consistent policy framework for action is needed. This has been recognised and applied internationally, most recently in the New Urban Agenda¹ endorsed by the UK government. There are now spatial frameworks in the devolved administrations of the UK but there is no equivalent one for England. The UK2070 Commission will therefore demonstrate the potential for a national framework for city and regional development in England and explore mechanisms for strengthening collaboration on spatial matters with the devolved administrations and Ireland.

¹ Link <http://habitat3.org/wp-content/uploads/NUA-English.pdf> - paragraph 49.

The Activities of the Commission

The *UK2070 Commission* aims to:

- reinforce the devolution agenda to rebuild and strengthen the diverse and distinct city and wider regions to maximise their growth potential;
- add value to the emerging range of place-based strategies for planning, housing, industry, land use, environment and infrastructure, through developing greater integration and clarity in their implications for communities, cities and regions;
- develop more inclusive and empowering approaches to national and strategic decision-making; and investment for regions, cities, towns and communities; and
- draw lessons from the UK and international experience in tackling issues of spatial inequalities.

The *UK2070 Commission* will set out recommendations for a more effective, inclusive and sustainable framework for economic development for addressing spatial inequalities in terms of:

- the form and content of the framework, including its scope and horizons;
- the requirements for leadership, governance and research;
- processes of engagement, delivery and review;
- enhanced regulatory and fiscal regimes including land value capture; and
- professional and technical competences and capacities.

The work of the Commission will seek to clarify the following:

- The strengths and weaknesses of the current policy and institutional arrangements in tackling spatial inequalities;
- The distinctive roles of local strategic planning bodies and sub-national networked regions (such as the Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine) in supporting sub-national economic and social development;
- Approaches to governance in terms of a programme of devolution, required capabilities, capacity and leadership, and the delivery mechanisms necessary to support a more integrated approach, drawing on international exemplars of effective 'national' institutions.
- The role of a 'framework' or 'plan' and how such arrangements could be expressed through an economic plan and related spatial development frameworks.
- Possible mechanisms for supporting collaboration between the administrations of the UK and Ireland on spatial matters.

The *UK2070 Commission* will assemble evidence on spatial disparities across the UK by:

- **A Call for Evidence** through a wide-ranging series of mechanisms including face-to-face (e.g. roundtables) and on-line tools;
- **Engaging** in innovative inclusive cross-sector consultative processes and series of regional events;
- **Commissioning** work on evidence gaps (e.g. spatial disparities in national productivity);
- **Evaluating** the spatial impacts of a range of national development scenarios;
- **Reviewing** potential approaches to preparing a national spatial framework and its relationship to sectoral strategies and devolved government for industry, housing, infrastructure, land use and natural capital;
- **Preparing and Disseminating** a Report with recommendations on policies, structures and resources for more balanced, coherent and consistent spatial policies across the UK.

The *UK 2070 Commission* will draw upon existing studies and take account of existing statutory and non-statutory spatial strategic development frameworks, for example, for the South-West, Northern and Midlands regions and for national infrastructure priorities. The Commission will be supported in particular, by the university partners, and the Common Futures Network (CFN).

The *UK 2070 Commission* will also take on board the spatial policies of **Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland** and, where possible, consider the implications of any BREXIT settlement. It will test a range of propositions for cross-border and collaborative national spatial frameworks, as well as the propositions in the Common Futures Network (CFN) as set out in its Prospectus '*A New Agenda for England and the UK*' and other proposals for a national spatial framework in other reports. It will engage with the different voices across sectors, interest groups and places. In doing so, it will also seek to harness the power of academic institutions to have a greater policy impact.

Programme: Timetable and Output

The Commission's activities will be in four phases - initial technical work and evidence gathering; deliberative phase; Consultation on Draft Report: Finalising Report and wider consultation and dissemination. The key events will be:

- Launch (October 9th 2018)
- A Progress Report highlighting issues and options (December 2018)
- An Interim Report with Provisional Recommendations (June 2019)
- The Final Report (November 2019)

The programme of work is shown in the following Table 2. This will be kept under review by the Commission and may be varied by the Commission within the key project dates. Specific areas of activity will be managed as appropriate by members of the Steering Group. Turner-Townsend have offered general project management support and have been co-opted to the Steering Group in that capacity.

Table 2 Programme of Activities	
Phase 1: July-Dec 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for evidence • Commissioning research / papers • Expert Advisory Sessions on Economic Futures and Infrastructure • Commission Meetings 1-3
Phase 2: Jan-May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Series of deliberative events with citizen panels • Expert sessions and roundtables - for example involving local leaders and decision-makers in central government • Interim report and other short papers • Commission Meetings 4
Phase 3 Jun-Aug 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Symposium • Final report writing • Commission Meeting 5
Phase 4 Sept-Dec. 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation of draft Framework output • Commission Meeting 6 • Final Framework publication and launch

Partner Commitments

Table 3 below identifies the roles and resource commitments that have been made by the founding partners in addition to their general commitment to the overall programme of the Commission, including identifying additional resources in support its activities.

Table 3: Partners	Commitments
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (LI)	Be represented on the Commission Contribute to work of the Commission Assist with providing international perspectives & contacts
The University of Manchester (UoM)	Be represented on the Commission & Steering Group Supply months RA time and in-kind support to the work of the Commission, in addition to the time as a Commissioner Overall management of the project and finances including any additional funds received from third parties, in support of the Commission
The University of Sheffield (UoS)	Be represented on the Commission & Steering Group Supply RA time and in-kind support to the work of the Commission, in addition to the time as a Commissioner To manage the Commission's web portal
University College London (UCL)	Be represented on the Commission & Steering Group Supply RA time and in-kind support to the work of the Commission, in addition to the time as a Commissioner Support the liaison with the Whitehall and other stakeholders
The SHLSCT	Be represented on the Commission Support the Commission and facilitate links with business networks.
The RSA	Be represented on the Commission and Steering Group Assist the Commission in Phase 2 the citizen deliberation and engagement,
The CFN	Be represented on the Steering Group Support the Commission and facilitate links with networks.

The Commission will welcome additional collaboration and sponsoring from third parties in support of the work of the Commission where it promotes the purposes of the Commission and safeguards its independent status.

Commission & Steering Group Members

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Footnote: * Denotes Commissioners who are also on the Steering Group ** Denotes additional Members of Steering Group



CHAIR - LORD KERSLAKE

Lord Kerslake is Chair of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), Chair of London CIV, President of the Local Government Association and Chair of Peabody. A former Head of the Civil Service, Lord Kerslake led the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). Prior to this he was the first Chief Executive of the Homes and Communities Agency, where he was responsible for promoting new and affordable housing supply; supporting the regeneration of cities, towns and neighbourhoods; improving existing housing stock, and advancing sustainability and good design. Before joining the Civil Service was Chief Executive of Sheffield Council.



JUDITH BLAKE CBE

Judith is the leader of Leeds City Council and Chair of the Core Cities UK Network. She is also Vice Chair of the LGA's Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board. As a Councillor she had responsibility portfolios including Planning, Education and Leisure. She is the Council's Executive Board Member for Economy and currently chairs the Council's Executive Board and is playing a key role in attracting major national and international inward investment in to Leeds. She has also served as on the NHS Leeds and the West Yorkshire Police Authority. When being an Executive Member, the Children's and Families' the Children's Services achieved an Ofsted rating of 'outstanding' for Leadership and Management?



PROFESSORE GILLIAN BRISTOW

Gillian is Professor in Economic Geography at Cardiff University specialising in in regional economic development; regional economic resilience; local and regional competitiveness; and regional policy and devolution. She has recently led a number of international research projects exploring issues around uneven regional economic development and resilience, and also recently led one of Cardiff University's flagship engagement projects - City Region Exchange - to enhance the University's engagement with the Cardiff Capital Region. She has published in a range of international journals and served as an editor of *Regional Studies* and *Environment and Planning C*. She is currently Dean of Research for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Cardiff University.



ARMANDO CARBONNELL

Armando is chair of the urban planning program at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, MA. Prior to that he initiated and was founding Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission. He has also been awarded a Loeb fellowship at Harvard University. Armando has taught at Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania and served as an editor of the UK journal *Town Planning Review*. He is the author or editor of numerous works on city and regional planning, including *Planning for States and Nation-States in the U.S. and Europe* (2015) and *Nature and Cities: The Ecological Imperative in Urban Planning and Design* (2016).



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ED COX

Ed is the Director of Public Services and Communities within the Action Research Centre of the RSA. Before joining the RSA, Ed led IPPR North. He was Deputy Chair of the Northern Economic Futures Commission, which set out the first comprehensive industrial strategy for the Northern economy in 2012 and chaired the Northern Ports, Freight and Logistics Forum. Before joining IPPR in 2009, Ed was policy adviser to the communities and local government secretary. He was previously the director of policy and public affairs at the Local Government Information Unit and served as a commissioner on the Government's Commission on Integration and Cohesion.



EMMA DEGG

Emma is the Chief Executive of the [North West Business Leadership Team \(NWBLT\)](#). The NWBLT brings together national and international business leaders with substantial commitments and interests in the North West to exert its collective influence for the long-term good of the region, economically, environmentally, culturally and socially. Emma's career has focussed upon bringing together business leaders and policy makers to make a tangible difference nationally through responsible business leadership as essential to the future of the UK economy, and in particular the importance of inspiring young people to achieve their full potential.



TRUDI ELLIOTT CBE

Trudi chairs the Board of the Planning Inspectorate for England and Wales. She also chairs the Housing Committee and a Board member of The Sanctuary Group. She has formally held roles in the West Midlands as Director of the Government Office, Chief Executive of the Regional Assembly and chair of the Economic Inclusion Panel, She is currently a Visiting Professor at The University of Reading, Henley Business School, Patron of the [Commonwealth Association of Planners](#), and sits on the National Infrastructure Planning Association (NIPA) Policy Council and the University of Warwick Estates Committee. She has also been CEO of the RTPI, a member of the Taylor Review into national planning guidance, and a practicing lawyer in the public and private sector.



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MICHAEL HENSON

Michael is an Associate Director at global construction consultancy [Turner & Townsend](#), who are providing project management support to the Commission. He has substantial experience working in and around the local government sector. He has a particular focus on relationship between devolution on local businesses, and the potential benefits of this to boost the economy of a region, in particular by liaising with local authorities, politicians, think tanks and local enterprise partnerships. Michael therefore brings significant expertise and experience of best practice in building links between government and industry



ANDREW JONES

Andrew leads [AECOM's](#) Design Planning + Economics team and Cities programmes with experience ranging from city and regional planning to new community masterplans and urban regeneration including a decade of work planning and delivering London 2012. He is a Geographer and Chartered Town Planner with a research background in Urban Morphology. He was the author of a [Manifesto for the London 2065](#) arguing for strategic spatial planning across the capital's city region to sustain economic competitiveness and address infrastructure-led sustainable community growth. He has recently been part of the London Urban Transformation Commission and is a member of the [Common Futures Network](#).



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Sir Hugh is an international industrialist and investor, noted for championing regeneration in and around Sheffield, including Chairman of the Sheffield Development Corporation. He worked in a range of public companies and been Chairman of Yorkshire Bank, and on the board of the National Australia Bank. He also worked on a range of regeneration projects including Sheffield One, Creative Sheffield and Renaissance South Yorkshire. He has also served on the boards of the University of Sheffield, Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust e was knighted for his services to charity and urban regeneration.



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