



Commission on Devolution in Wales
Comisiwn ar Ddatganoli yng Nghymru

Empowerment and Responsibility: Legislative Powers to Strengthen Wales

Media Briefing



Our vision and approach

Our Vision:

We believe that the people of Wales will be best served by:

- *a clear, well founded devolution settlement that allows coherent political decisions to be made in a democratic and accountable manner, and*
- *political institutions that operate effectively and efficiently and work together in the interests of the people they serve.*

Devolution of power to Wales should benefit the whole of Wales and the United Kingdom.



Our findings...

- Current devolution settlement complex
- Broad support for further devolution
- Governments and institutions should work together better
- Some sense of regional disengagement and concerns about performance.



Recommendations to:

- Clarify the settlement
- Better align powers
- Improve how devolution works
- Enhance scrutiny and accountability



To clarify the settlement...

Move to Reserved Powers model



To align powers better...

Further devolution of powers in:

- transport
- natural resources including energy and water
- broadcasting
- policing
- justice

[Suggest these are images instead]



To improve how devolution works...

- more effective intergovernmental and interparliamentary relations
- establishing a Welsh Intergovernmental Committee
- cross-border issues
- improving public sector capacity



To enhance scrutiny and accountability...

- increase in number of AMs
- enhanced focus on UK bodies in Wales
- greater transparency and comparability of data
- sharing best practice across UK



| Next steps

- phased implementation over ten years in three stages
- primary legislation to come in the next Parliament
- fair transfer of funding when powers devolved



Overall impact

- a stable long term settlement
- more coherent and effective policy making
- a settlement bringing Wales more in line with other Devolved Countries of UK
- institutions and governance better serving the people of Wales



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Questions