LGA Responds to Adonis Review

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Responding to the Adonis Growth Review which proposes devolving up to £30 billion to local areas over the next Parliament, LGA Chairman Sir Merrick Cockell said:

"Local government has long been calling for greater fiscal devolution, a more localised approach to business rates and adult skills and an end to overly complex and fragmented funding. It is encouraging to see that these have been recognised in this report.

"Councils have been frustrated by the lack of progress in devolving growth funding to local areas. We have long said that the current £2 billion Local Growth Fund fails to match the ambition councils have for playing a central role in economic growth.

"Local government is up for the challenge and anything which advances this debate is a positive step in the right direction. We hope the Labour party takes proposals in these areas seriously. While the devil is in the detail, we will be keen to discuss these proposals with shadow ministers to ensure money is devolved without added bureaucracy and burdensome conditions."

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