

- 1.1. The Commission will meet monthly to April 2013, when the final report is due to be launched.
- 1.2. A timetable for evidence gathering was agreed at the September meeting, including: oral and written evidence; focus groups; a public seminar; and requesting an agenda slot on other stakeholder meetings.
- 1.3. In addition, Tony Travers has met with a group of borough Treasurers and the Chief Executives London Committee.
- 1.4. The November meeting of the Commission is also earmarked for hearing oral evidence. Invitations to give oral evidence have been sent to experts, academics and politicians.
- 1.5. A targeted call for written evidence has been issued, requesting respondents consider the following questions:
 - Do you consider that funding arrangements for the capital are too centralised (that is, at the national government level)? Why/ why not?
 - What alternative options would you like to see considered, especially to promote jobs and growth? Is there a case for greater devolution of taxes, or more direct assignment of tax receipts, to London? Should any such options cover only existing services run by the GLA and the boroughs, or might they go wider as part of a greater devolution of power?
 - In particular, regarding capital investment, do you consider that London requires greater financial autonomy to enable it to make effective investment decisions? How and in what regard? What implications would this have?

2. London Local Government involvement

- 2.1. London local government representatives are:
 - Mayor Jules Pipe – Chair of London Councils
 - Cllr Teresa O'Neill – Vice Chair of London Councils
 - Martin Smith – Chief Executive, London Borough of Ealing (CELC)
 - Nick Holgate – Town Clerk and Finance Director, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (SLT)

- Chris Duffield – ex-Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the City of London
- John O'Brien is an official observer

2.2. London Councils has been invited to submit written evidence before Christmas which will contribute to the Commission's debate on potential recommendations which is likely to begin in earnest in the New Year. We have the following key milestones:

- Initial sighting paper to Executive Committee 30 October
- Tony Travers will attend Leaders' Committee 13 November
- Draft evidence to Executive Committee for discussion 27 November
- Final draft evidence to Leaders' Committee for approval 11 December
- Submit final evidence before 21 December