

The framework below sets out the statutory functions of **Single Local Authority Foundation Strategic Authorities** as set out in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill and other legislation. As set out in the Devolution Framework in the English Devolution White Paper, different categories of Strategic Authorities are also guaranteed access to other non-statutory offers, including partnership and funding arrangements.

Single Local Authority Foundation Strategic Authorities will not have voting and governance arrangements standardised. They will continue to exercise their functions as they currently do.

General Power

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
<p>General Power of Competence</p> <p>This extends local authorities' general power of competence to combined and combined county authorities. This lets them do anything that an individual could do.</p>	<p>Can only be exercised for the purpose of economic development and regeneration.</p>	<p>Clause 20 and Schedule 4 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill</p>

Area of Competence: Transport and Infrastructure

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
No additional functions		

Area of Competence: Economic Development and Regeneration

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
No related functions		

Area of Competence: Skills and Employment Support

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
<p>Adult Education Functions</p> <p>Subject to a transition period for new Strategic Authorities, some powers of the Secretary of State relating to education and training of adults will be devolved to Strategic Authorities. These powers support the delivery of devolved adult skills funding.</p> <p>Powers relating to apprenticeships and people subject to adult detention are not devolved.</p>	<p>The relevant functions in section 90 and 100 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 are exercised concurrently with the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>Clause 30 and Schedule 10 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 - s.86, s.87, s.88, s.90, s.100(1), s.100(1B)</p>

Area of Competence: Housing and Strategic Planning

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
<p>Spatial Development Strategy</p> <p>All Strategic Authorities will have a duty to produce a Spatial Development Strategy. These documents enable them to strategically plan for development across their whole area. <i>(Note: This will also be mirrored for all principal local authorities in areas without Strategic Authorities, where authorities will be required to collaborate via Strategic Planning Boards where necessary.)</i></p>	<p>Standard</p>	<p>To be introduced through clause 52 of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill: Part 1A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004</p>
<p>Housing and Land Powers, concurrent with Homes England</p> <p>These additional powers allow Strategic Authorities to acquire housing and land for the specific purposes (set out in the governance arrangements column). This includes powers to acquire land using the compulsory purchase powers previously solely held by Homes England. They also include the ability to provide financial assistance to any person, (again in line with the objectives set out in the governance arrangements column).</p>	<p>These functions are exercised concurrently with Homes England.</p> <p>In Foundation Strategic Authorities, use of compulsory purchase powers requires the consent of the local planning authority where the power is to be exercised (if different to the authority exercising the power).</p> <p>All of these functions must be exercised for the purposes of, or for purposes incidental to the objectives of:</p>	<p>Clause 34 and Part 1 of Schedule 15 (Acquisition and development of land) in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 – s.4A; 5-10; 19; Sch.2; Sch.3; Sch.4</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improving the supply and quality of housing in the area; b. Securing the regeneration or development of land or infrastructure in the area; c. Supporting in other ways the creation, regeneration or development of communities in the area or their continued well-being; d. Contributing to the achievement of sustainable development and good design in the area. 	
<p>Housing and Land Powers, concurrent with Local Authorities</p> <p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities to acquire and develop housing and land as well as provide services in relation to housing.</p> <p>Local authorities in unitary local government areas already have these powers.</p>	<p>For county councils designated as Strategic Authorities, these functions are exercised concurrently with district councils.</p> <p>In Foundation Strategic Authorities, use of compulsory purchase powers requires the consent of the local planning authority where the power is to</p>	<p>Clause 34 (Acquisition and development of land); Clause 35 (Housing accommodation); Part 2 of Schedule 15; and Schedule 16 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Housing Act 1985 - s.8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 17A, 18, 56, 57.</p>

	be exercised (if different to the authority exercising the power).	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - s.226, 226A, 227, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 246, 271, 272, 274, 275, 276, 278, 306, 336.
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Area of Competence: Economic Development and Regeneration

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
No related functions		

Area of Competence: Environment and Net Zero

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
No related functions		

Area of Competence: Health, Wellbeing and Public Service Reform

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
No related functions		

Area of Competence: Public Safety

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Clauses
No related functions		