

The framework below sets out the statutory functions of **Established Mayoral Strategic Authorities** (EMSAs) as set out in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 and other legislation. It also shows how the statutory functions apply to the Greater London Authority (GLA) which was set up differently to other Mayoral Strategic Authorities and has a different devolution settlement. This means the powers and duties in the devolution framework will be applied to the GLA on a case-by-case basis.

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.

General Mayoral Powers – not included in the Devolution Framework but included in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026:

The Mayoral Powers of Competence are suite of powers which have been conferred on Mayoral Strategic Authorities. The powers provide new legal force to Mayors’ existing “soft powers” and convening role, and will help drive growth, collaboration and improvement across geographies. **The MPC is made up of:**

Statutory Function	Governance – where “Standard” means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting is a simple majority inc. the Mayor • Exercised solely by the SA 	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>The General Power of Competence</p> <p>This is an existing broad general power which enables Mayoral Strategic Authorities, and their Mayors, to do</p>	<p>To be used at the discretion of the Strategic Authority and its Mayor independently of each other.</p>	<p>Section 21 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The GLA has a general power, which allows the GLA to do anything</p>

<p>anything an individual can do in relation to their areas of competence .</p>		<p>Schedule 6 in the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>which it considers to further its principal purposes (Section 30 GLA Act 1999).</p>
<p>A Power of Mayors to Convene Meetings with Local Partners</p> <p>This enables Mayors to convene local partners to address local challenges. It also places a duty on local partners to respond to a Mayor’s request when they make use of the power to convene. The specific local partners covered will be set out in subsequent secondary legislation.</p>	<p>To be used at the discretion of the Mayor of a Strategic Authority.</p>	<p>Section 22 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, conferred via the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>
<p>A Duty of Mayors to Collaborate</p> <p>This ensures that Mayors of neighbouring Strategic Authorities have a formal process by which they can enter into collaboration with one another.</p>	<p>To be used at the discretion of the Mayor of a Strategic Authority.</p>	<p>Section 23 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, conferred via the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>

General Functions of the ESMA

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>The Right to Request</p> <p>This Right is not part of the Mayoral Powers of Competence, but sits alongside them. It enables Established Mayoral Strategic Authorities, via their Mayors, to ask for further devolved powers from Government to deliver within their areas of competence.</p>	<p>To be used at the discretion of the Mayor of a Strategic Authority .</p>	<p>Section 49 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, conferred via the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>

Area of Competence: Transport and Infrastructure

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>Local Transport Authority functions</p> <p>Strategic Authorities are the Local Transport Authority for their area, with responsibility for preparing and publishing a local transport plan and powers to secure the provision of passenger transport services where not otherwise provided. Strategic Authorities also have powers and duties to prepare a bus strategy for carrying out their bus functions, enter into partnerships with bus operators, enter into franchising schemes, and are the travel concession authority for the area.</p>	<p>Standard, with the exception that functions relating to Local Transport Plans and the decision on whether to make a proposed franchising scheme are exercisable only by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority.</p> <p>However, final approval of a Local Transport Plan is subject to a simple majority vote of constituent members where the Mayor must be in the majority. If the vote is tied, the Mayor has an additional casting vote.</p>	<p>Section 31 and Schedule 12 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Transport Act 2000 – Part 2 .</p> <p>Transport Act 1985 – Parts 4 and 5 .</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>Transport for London (TfL) is the transport authority for Greater London. Schedule 11 of the GLA Act sets out TfL’s miscellaneous powers, which include enabling TfL to carry passengers, luggage and other goods by land or water transport within London; to charge for the services it provides; and to acquire, develop, sell and lease land.</p>

<p>Transport Levy</p> <p>Strategic Authorities can issue levies to their constituent authorities to meet the cost of exercising their transport functions, where otherwise not met.</p>	<p>Standard.</p> <p>Apportionment between constituent councils is subject to the Transport Levying Bodies Regulations 1992.</p>	<p>Section 14 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Local Government Finance Act 1988 – s.74 .</p>	<p>No, not applicable. as the GLA does not have constituent authorities.</p>
<p>Agreements between authorities and strategic highways companies</p> <p>This allows Strategic Authorities to enter into agreements with local highway authorities (upper-tier local authorities) and/or National Highways to delegate or share the maintenance and improvement of roads.</p>	<p>Standard, with the exception that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The function is exercisable concurrently with local authorities. • Use of these functions requires the consent of the relevant constituent authority where the function would be exercised. 	<p>Section 25 and Schedule 8 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Highways Act 1980 – s.6 and 8.</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a comparable, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>There is an existing arrangement for TfL and London Borough Councils to make agreements on highways (see Section 266 of the GLA Act 1999) .</p>
<p>Civil enforcement of road traffic contraventions</p>	<p>Standard, with the exception that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The function is exercisable concurrently with local authorities. 	<p>Section 27 and Schedule 10 of the English Devolution and</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p>

<p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities to enforce parking, bus lane, and moving traffic contraventions through penalty charge notices. This is only possible if the relevant constituent council already has those functions and consents to the SA using them. The SA must follow existing statutory guidelines for charge levels for Fixed Penalty Notices and provide information on appeals processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of these functions requires the consent of the relevant constituent authority where the function would be exercised. 	<p>Community Empowerment Act 2026. Host legislation: Part 6 and Schedule 8 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 .</p>	<p>TfL is the traffic authority for GLA roads or “Red Routes” (see below) and has the powers required for this role (Section 217 GLA Act 1999) .</p>
<p>Key Route Network</p> <p>Mayoral Strategic Authorities have a duty to designate and coordinate a Key Route Network. This will allow the most important local roads to be strategically managed.</p> <p>Mayors also hold a Power of Direction over constituent highway authority exercise of their traffic, permit, street and local highways authority powers on Key Route Network roads, to support delivery of the Mayor’s agreed Local Transport Plan. This means Mayors can</p>	<p>This function is exercisable only by the Mayor, on behalf of the Strategic Authority.</p> <p>However, final agreement of which roads are included in the Key Route Network will be subject to a simple majority vote where the Mayor must be in the majority.</p>	<p>Section 29 and Part 1 of Schedule 11 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026. Host legislation: Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 – s.107ZA .</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The Mayor has the power to designate GLA roads or ‘Red Routes’ (Section 261 of the GLA Act 1999).</p>

<p>direct councils with responsibilities for roads in their area to use their powers in a certain way; for example, to create a bus gate.</p>		<p>Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 – s.22-24.</p>	
<p>Transfer of duty of principal councils to make reports on Key Route Network roads</p> <p>Mayoral Strategic Authorities, when directed by the Transport Secretary, are required to prepare reports assessing local road traffic levels and forecasting their growth on their Key Route Network. These reports may include targets and proposals for achieving these targets.</p>	<p>Standard</p>	<p>Section 29 and Part 2 of Schedule 11 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 .</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>The 1997 Road Traffic Reduction Act – s2.</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement, via Section 290 GLA Act 1999 .</p>
<p>Road User Charging</p> <p>These powers enable a Strategic Authority to make a joint road user charging scheme (e.g. congestion charging) with relevant constituent councils.</p>	<p>Standard, with the exception that this function can only be exercised jointly with the relevant local traffic authority (the upper-tier local authority) where the scheme would take place.</p>	<p>Chapter I of Part III of the Transport Act 2000 .</p>	<p>Yes, TfL’s powers to make a road user charging scheme are provided by Section 295, Greater London Authority Act 1999 .</p>

<p>On-Street Micromobility Schemes</p> <p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities in their role as the Local Transport Authority, following further regulations, to license micromobility schemes operating on public roads and pavements. This allows them to have greater control of bike and e-bike rental schemes run by private companies. Other types of shared micromobility impacting on public space could also be included in the framework in the future.</p>	<p>Standard</p>	<p>Clause 24 and Schedule 7 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, TfL is the licensing authority for London. The application is the same as for EMSAs, but voting arrangements do not apply, as the GLA has different governance arrangements.</p>
<p>Lane Rental Scheme Approval</p> <p>The power to approve local highway authorities to operate lane rental schemes. Lane rental schemes are charges for occupying busy roads, incentivising quicker, coordinated street works.</p>	<p>This function is exercisable only by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority.</p>	<p>Section 26 and Schedule 9 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, conferred by the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>
<p>Prohibition of parking on footways and verges</p>	<p>Governance arrangements to be set out through regulations.</p>	<p>Section 68 and Schedule 32 of the English Devolution and</p>	<p>These powers do not apply to London. Parking on pavements, with</p>

<p>Powers for the Secretary of State to make regulations to give Strategic Authorities, in their role as Local Transport Authorities, the power to prohibit parking on footways and verges in their areas that are also civil enforcement areas. A contravention of a parking prohibition introduced by regulations is made civilly enforceable.</p>		<p>Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>certain exceptions, has already been prohibited in Greater London by the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1974.</p>
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Area of Competence: Skills and Employment Support

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>Adult Education Functions</p> <p>Some powers of the Secretary of State relating to education and training of adults are 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>Standard, except that 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>Section 32 and Schedule 13 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</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>	<p>Yes, conferred via the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026. Same application as other EMSAs, but voting arrangements do not apply, as the GLA has different governance arrangements.</p>

Area of Competence: Housing and Strategic Planning

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>Spatial Development Strategy</p> <p>All Strategic Authorities have a duty to produce a Spatial Development Strategy. These documents enable them to strategically plan for development across their whole area.</p> <p><i>(Note: This duty is also 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>This function is exercised by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority.</p> <p>However, approval of the strategy requires a simple majority vote of the Mayor and constituent members. The Mayor must be included in the majority for a vote to be carried. If the vote is tied, the Mayor gets an additional casting vote.</p>	<p>Part 1A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p>	<p>Yes, already conferred via S334 of the GLA Act 1999. Voting arrangements do not apply, as the GLA has different governance arrangements.</p>
<p>Housing and Land Powers, concurrent with Homes England</p> <p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities to acquire housing and land for specific purposes (set out in the governance</p>	<p>These functions are exercised concurrently with Homes England.</p>	<p>Section 36 and Part 1 of Schedule 18 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>No, the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The GLA's general power allows for it to undertake</p>

<p>arrangements column). This includes powers to acquire land both by agreement and compulsorily.</p> <p>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>Mayors exercise the compulsory purchase function on behalf of the Strategic Authority. Before exercising their compulsory purchase powers, Mayors must consult the local planning authority where the power is to be exercised.</p> <p>All other functions are exercised by the Strategic Authority and subject to the standard governance.</p> <p>All these functions must be exercised for the purposes of, or for purposes incidental to the objectives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the supply and quality of housing in the area; • Securing the regeneration or development of land or infrastructure in the area; • Supporting in other ways the creation, regeneration or development of communities in 	<p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 – s.4A; 5-11; 19; 57; Sch.2; Sch.3; Sch.4 .</p>	<p>activity on housing and regeneration that would otherwise be undertaken by Homes England.</p> <p>The GLA also has specific powers to purchase land by agreement (Section 333ZAA GLA Act 1999) and compulsorily (Section 333ZA GLA Act 1999).</p>
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	<p>the area or their continued well-being;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>These functions also include a duty on Strategic Authorities to review housing needs in their area and enable them to provide additional facilities in relation to housing they provide. The land acquisition powers can also be used for the purpose of providing housing, developing land, or for planning purposes.</p>	<p>These functions are exercised concurrently with local authorities.</p> <p>Compulsory purchase powers under the Housing Act 1985 are only exercisable by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority. Whereas all other powers, including compulsory purchase powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, are exercised by the Strategic Authority.</p> <p>Before exercising their compulsory purchase powers, Mayors and Mayoral Strategic Authorities (depending on who is exercising the function) must consult the local planning authority where the power is to be exercised.</p>	<p>Section 36; Section 37; Part 2 of Schedule 18; and Schedule 19 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation: Housing Act 1985 – Part II.</p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Part IX; Part XI; s.306; s.336.</p>	<p>No, the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The GLA’s general power allows for it to undertake activity on housing and regeneration that would otherwise be undertaken by Homes England.</p> <p>The GLA also has specific powers to purchase land by agreement (Section 333ZAA GLA Act 1999) and compulsorily (Section 333ZA GLA Act 1999).</p>

	<p>Apart from functions exercised by the Mayor, the standard voting arrangement applies.</p>		
<p>Mayoral Development Corporations</p> <p>These powers enable Mayors of Strategic Authorities to designate a Mayoral Development Area and subsequently establish a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) for that area. MDCs are statutory corporate bodies which can take broad planning and land assembly powers, have the ability to attract inward investment, and are well placed to harness private sector expertise to drive forward development.</p>	<p>These functions are exercisable only by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority. This means that the Mayor is responsible for establishing and overseeing a Mayoral Development Corporation.</p> <p>However, the designation of a Mayoral Development Area will be subject to a simple majority of voting members of the Strategic Authority where the Mayor must be in the majority.</p>	<p>Section 38 and Schedule 20 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Localism Act 2011 – Chapter 2 of Part 8; and Schedule 21</p> <p>Local Government Act 2003 – s.32B</p>	<p>Yes, already conferred via Localism Act 2011. Standard voting arrangements do not apply, as the GLA has different governance arrangements. The Mayor of London’s MDC proposals can be rejected by a two-thirds majority of the London Assembly.</p>
<p>Strategic Development Management Powers</p> <p>These powers enable Mayors of Strategic Authorities to intervene in planning applications of potential strategic</p>	<p>These functions are exercisable only by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority.</p>	<p>Section 33 and Schedule 14 (call-in), and Clause 34 and Schedule 15 (direct refusal) of the English</p>	<p>Conferred via sections 2A-2F and 74(1B)-74(1C) of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008.</p>

<p>importance (e.g. especially large or prominent developments) and the ability to call in these applications.</p>		<p>Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Part 1, s2A (call-in); and Part 3, s74(1B) (direct refusal) .</p>	<p>.</p>
<p>Mayoral Development Orders</p> <p>These powers give Mayors of Strategic Authorities the ability to prepare Mayoral Development Orders (MDOs). MDOs allow them to grant pre-emptive planning permission for a particular development instead of relying on an application to be submitted.</p>	<p>These functions are exercisable only by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority.</p>	<p>Section 34 and Schedule 15 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p>	<p>Yes, already conferred in London via sections 61DA-61DE of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by Schedule 4 Infrastructure Act 2015).</p>

		Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Part 3, s.61DA-61DE	
<p>Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>These powers enable Mayors of Strategic Authorities to charge developers a Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy. This is a charge which can be imposed on new development in their area. It can be used to raise funds to deliver strategic infrastructure needed to support development in their area.</p>	<p>These functions are exercisable only by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority. This means that the Mayor is responsible for developing and applying the Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy.</p> <p>However, the approval of a charging schedule for the levy is subject to a simple majority vote of the voting members of the Strategic Authority.</p>	<p>Section 35 and Schedule 17 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation:</p> <p>Planning Act 2008 – Part 11.</p>	<p>Yes, already conferred via Planning Act 2008. Voting arrangements do not apply, as the GLA has different governance arrangements.</p>

Area of Competence: Economic Development and Regeneration

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>Mayoral Council Tax Precept</p> <p>The changes to this power allows Mayors to issue a precept to generate revenue across all Mayoral and CA/CCA functions. Previously, a Mayor could precept only for Mayoral functions, and not CA/CCA functions.</p>	<p>Voting and governance arrangements vary, depending on whether the precept is on Mayoral functions, or wider C(C)A functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayors continue to be subject to voting rules set out in previous legislation on precepts raised against Mayoral functions, which is commonly 2/3 of constituent authorities can vote against or to amend a precept. • A Mayor wanting to raise a precept on wider C(C)A functions is subject to the standard voting arrangements of a simple majority including the Mayor. 	<p>Section 12 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, already conferred, via S82 of the GLA Act 1999 .</p>

<p>Power to borrow up to an agreed cap</p> <p>This power removes the requirement to lay bespoke Statutory Instruments (SIs) for Mayoral Strategic Authorities (MSAs) by automatically conferring on them the power to borrow upon establishment for purposes relevant to their functions. However, an MSA must obtain consent from the Secretary of State before the first exercise of the power to borrow money for a purpose relevant to a function other than its transport, police or fire and rescue functions.</p>	<p>Standard, except that this function is exercised concurrent with local authorities.</p> <p>Exercise of the power to borrow is automatically conferred for functions relevant to transport, police and crime commissioner and fire and rescue functions when an MSA takes on those functions. This power may be exercised by an MSA immediately for these functions only, before a Mayor has been elected. Otherwise, Secretary of State consent will be needed before the power is used.</p>	<p>Section 13 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, already conferred via Local Government Act 2003</p>
<p>Local Growth Plans</p> <p>Mayoral Strategic Authorities must prepare and publish a Local Growth Plan. As a minimum, it must include an overview of the economic conditions of the area, identify shared local growth priorities (agreed with the Secretary of State), and identify an investment pipeline (key projects for achieving economic</p>	<p>Standard</p>	<p>Section 41 and Schedule 22 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The Mayor of London has a separate duty to publish an Economic Development Strategy (see S333F of GLA Act 1999). Where the Mayor</p>

<p>growth through investment). Specific public bodies will have a duty to ‘have regard’ to the ‘shared local growth priorities’.</p>			<p>publishes ‘shared local growth priorities’ agreed with the Secretary of State, specific public bodies will have a duty to ‘have regard’ to them, as per the arrangement for Local Growth Plans.</p>
<p>Duty to prepare an assessment of economic conditions</p> <p>Strategic Authorities must prepare and maintain an assessment of the economic conditions of their area. This is a separate duty from the duty to produce a Local Growth Plan but both duties could be satisfied simultaneously.</p>	<p>Standard, except that exercise of function is concurrent with local authorities.</p>	<p>Section 40 and Schedule 21 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation: S.69 of Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA already has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The Mayor of London has a duty to publish an Economic Development Strategy (see S333F of GLA Act 1999).</p>
<p>Power to pay grant to a constituent authority</p>	<p>This function is exercisable only by the Mayor on behalf of the Strategic Authority.</p>	<p>Section 42 of the English Devolution and Community</p>	<p>No, not applicable as the GLA does not have constituent authorities.</p>

<p>This power enables Mayors to pay grants to their constituent councils. This is most commonly used to pass funding for maintaining local roads to councils.</p>	<p>When paying grants for councils' road functions, Strategic Authorities must have regard to the desirability of ensuring that the constituent council has sufficient funds to facilitate the effective discharge of those highway functions.</p>	<p>Empowerment Act 2026 . Host legislation: s.32A of the Local Government Act 2003.</p>	<p>However, the GLA has the power to pay grant by virtue of the general power (S30 of GLA Act 1999).</p>
<p>Power to arrange for publication of information relating to the functions of the Strategic Authority</p> <p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities to arrange for the publication of information related to their functions as well as services available in the area. This means that they can collect, compile, and disseminate such information.</p>	<p>Standard, except that exercise of function is concurrent with local authorities.</p>	<p>Section 44 and Paragraph 2 of Schedule 23 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026. Host legislation: Local Government Act 1972 – s.142(2) .</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement. The GLA has a power to carry out investigations or collection of information relating to any matters concerning Greater London; and the power to arrange for information to be made available (see Section 396 GLA Act 1999)</p>

<p>Power to place staff at the disposal of other authorities</p> <p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities to enter agreements with other Strategic Authorities, local authorities, and other organisations like the NHS, to share staff services for their functions.</p>	<p>Standard, except that the function can be exercised concurrently with other Strategic Authorities, local authorities or other bodies such as NHS England.</p>	<p>Section 44 and Paragraph 1 of Schedule 23 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation: s.113 and 146A of the Local Government Act 1972 .</p>	<p>Yes, conferred via Paragraph 1 of Schedule 23 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>
<p>Power to prosecute and defend legal proceedings</p> <p>These powers allow Strategic Authorities to initiate or defend legal proceedings where they consider it expedient for promoting or protecting the interests of the residents of their area. This includes the ability to prosecute, defend, or appear in any legal action and to institute</p>	<p>Standard, except that exercise of function is concurrent with local authorities.</p>	<p>Section 44 and Paragraph 3 of Schedule 20 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 .</p> <p>Host legislation:</p>	<p>No, not necessary, as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The GLA can undertake this by virtue of its general power ((S30 of GLA Act 1999)).</p>

<p>proceedings in their own name to address local concerns.</p>		<p>s. 222 of the Local Government Act 1972</p>	
<p>Research and collection of information</p> <p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities to conduct research and collect information on matters concerning their area to support their functions and share their findings.</p>	<p>Standard, except that exercise of the function is concurrent with local authorities.</p>	<p>Section 44 and Paragraph 4 of Schedule 23 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation: s.88(1)(a) and (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1985 .</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The GLA has a power to carry out investigations or collection of information relating to any matters concerning Greater London; and the power to arrange for information to be made available (see Section 396 GLA Act 1999).</p>

Area of Competence: Environment and Net Zero

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
Heat Network Zoning coordination role This means that Strategic Authorities are well placed to take forward heat network zones and create zone coordinators.	Standard	s228(5) of the Energy Act 2023 .	Yes, conferred via Statutory Instrument .

Area of Competence: Health, Wellbeing and Public Service Reform

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>A bespoke statutory health improvement and health inequalities duty</p> <p>When considering whether or how to use any of its powers and functions, a Mayor or a Strategic Authority, has a duty to have regard to the need to improve the health of people in the Strategic Authority area and the need to reduce health inequalities in the local area.</p>	<p>Standard</p>	<p>Section 45 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>No, not necessary, as the GLA as a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>This includes a duty for the Mayor to publish a Health Inequalities Strategy, setting out their policies and proposals for promoting the reduction of health inequalities for people in Greater London (S309E of GLA Act 1999).</p>

Area of Competence: Public Safety

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>Sharing of information in relation to crime and disorder</p> <p>These powers both enable and place a duty on Strategic Authorities to disclose information relating to the reduction of crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour, to other relevant authorities (such as local authorities, social landlords and the police).</p>	<p>Standard, except that exercise of the function is concurrent with local authorities.</p>	<p>Section 50 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host legislation: s.17A and s.115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 .</p>	<p>No, not necessary, as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>Per Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has the functions of a local policing body.</p>
<p>Police and Crime Commissioner Functions</p> <p>Mayors are, by default, accountable for the exercise of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) functions where mayoral boundaries align with police</p>	<p>This function is exercisable only by the Mayor.</p> <p>Mayors will have to delegate PCC responsibilities to a Deputy Mayor (for Policing, Fire and Crime for each police</p>	<p>Section 46, 47 and 49 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p>	<p>Yes, the Mayor is already accountable for PCC functions (Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011).</p>

<p>force boundaries, or with two police force boundaries when taken together. Transfers will be subject to secondary legislation.</p> <p>The Secretary of State may by order transfer PCC functions to the elected mayor of a CA or CCA where there are coterminous borders. The Secretary of State, at the same time, may alter the boundary of the police area (or areas) to which the transfer relates to achieve coterminosity.</p>	<p>force area for which they have PCC functions).</p>	<p>Host Legislation:</p> <p>Existing power, in statute in Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 sections 5, 7(7), 16, 18, 21, 28, 29, 20, 31(3), 62-63, 64(3) to (4A), 65, 70 and Schedule 1, and the modification of several related pieces of legislation .</p>	
<p>Fire and Rescue Authority Functions</p> <p>Mayors are, by default, accountable for the exercise of Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) functions where FRA and mayoral boundaries align, subject to secondary legislation.</p> <p>The Secretary of State may by order transfer FRA functions to a CA or CCA</p>	<p>Mayors have the option to delegate FRA responsibilities to a Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime, or a Public Safety Commissioner.</p>	<p>Section 48 and 49 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026.</p> <p>Host Legislation:</p> <p>Existing power, in statute in – Fire and</p>	<p>Yes, the Mayor is already accountable for FRA functions – the Mayor holds to account the London Fire Commissioner (Part 6A GLA Act 1999) .</p>

<p>where there are coterminous borders. The Secretary of State, at the same time may alter the boundary of the FRA area (or areas) to which the transfer relates to achieve coterminosity.</p>		<p>Rescue Services Act, 2004 p2 sections 6-10</p> <p>Transfer functions to a Mayor – Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, Section 107D .</p>	
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Area of Competence: Culture

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation	Application to the GLA
<p>Powers to encourage visitors and provide entertainment</p> <p>These powers enable Strategic Authorities to encourage people to visit their area and provide, support, and/or contribute to the provision of entertainments, such as concerts, plays, or exhibitions, and incur expenditure for these purposes. This includes powers to provide premises, facilities, or publicity for cultural and recreational events.</p>	<p>Standard, except that exercise of function is concurrent with local authorities.</p>	<p>Section 52 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 .</p> <p>Host legislation: s.144 and s.145 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	<p>No, not necessary as the GLA has a similar, bespoke arrangement.</p> <p>The GLA has a duty to promote tourism and power to do anything for that purpose (Section 378, GLA Act 1999) .</p>

Area of Competence: Rural Affairs and Coastal Communities

Statutory Function	Governance	Related Sections / Relevant Legislation
No related functions		