

Governance & Resources Scrutiny Commission 5 th September 2016 Devolution – The Prospects for Hackney	Item No 5
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Outline

The Governance and Resources Scrutiny Commission is commencing a short review to explore the implications of the devolution process for Hackney.

The aim of this review is to give councillors an understanding of the implications of Devolution for Hackney. Hackney's Scrutiny Members wish to provide input to the discussion and work being carried out at a regional and sub-regional level in relation to devolution. The overarching question framing this review is 'What are the implications of a London wide devolution for Hackney and how the borough can make the most of the opportunities?'

In preparation for the meeting members of the commission read and reviewed The London Proposition document produced by London Councils at its meeting on [29th October 2015](#).

Invited guests

- **Dianna Neal**, Head of Economy, Culture and Tourism, London Councils
- **Professor Martin Doel**, Professor of Further Education & Skills, University College London (Institute of Education)

In this evidence session the overarching question is '**what would be the benefits of devolving education, employment and skills?**' The Commission submitted (in advance) the questions below to the invited guest in preparation for the meeting:

1. What is the prospect of achieving devolution for London for further education and skills and the impact of this on Whitehall?
2. What accountability structure would be appropriate for London and where would local government fit in this structure?
3. How can London's boroughs support this case for devolution?

Biography of Guest Speaker

Professor Martin Doel

Martin Doel was appointed as the first Further Education Trust for Leadership Professor of FE and Skills at University College London (Institute of Education) in April 2016 after having previously been the Chief Executive of

the Association of Colleges (AoC) from 2008. Prior to this Martin served in the Royal Air Force where his final appointment was as Director of Training and Education for all three Armed Services, working in the Ministry of Defence, the largest employer of apprentices in the UK. He was appointed OBE in 1998 for his work in support of operations in the Balkans and for his contribution to Anglo-German relations and CBE in the 2016 New Year Honours for his contribution to education. He holds a Masters Degree with Distinction from King's College, London and a First Class Honours Degree in Education from King Alfred's College Winchester.

Martin's particular research interests at UCL (IOE) are concerned with the distinctive contribution that further education can make to national prosperity and individual well-being, and the leadership challenges facing FE providers of all kinds.

Action

The Commission to note discussion for evidence session.