

Post devolution and post referendum

Statement by the Leader of the Council

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Finance and funding

Economic and political uncertainty

30 Year Deal? **Brexit** City Deal

Fast cities **NEW £** **EU**

Double devolution **Fast cities** **HOUSING** **Budget cuts**

Living Wage **CAPACITY** **SUSTAINABILITY** Elected Mayor

Real Devolution **TEC City** **Inequality**

Consultation **Funding**

LEP **GVA – 52%** **Greater Norwich Growth Board**

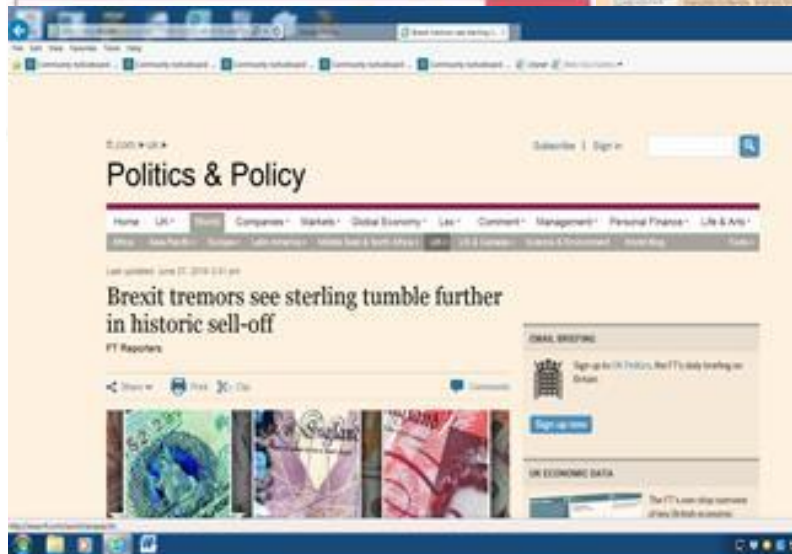
Deficit reduction **Urban and Rural** **Combined authority**

ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY



Devolution: Post Brexit

- Uncertainty about Government commitment:
- New faces and new departments in Whitehall e.g. 'Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy'
- Shifting sands – no elected mayor for post 2017 devolution deals.
- Focus on delivering the Greater Norwich City Deal and the priorities of the Greater Norwich Growth Partnership.
- Direct our energies to working with other cities ('Fast Growth Cities and 'Key Cities'. **Better to serve Norwich and the wider area**
- justifies our decision not be shackled to a rural combined authority.

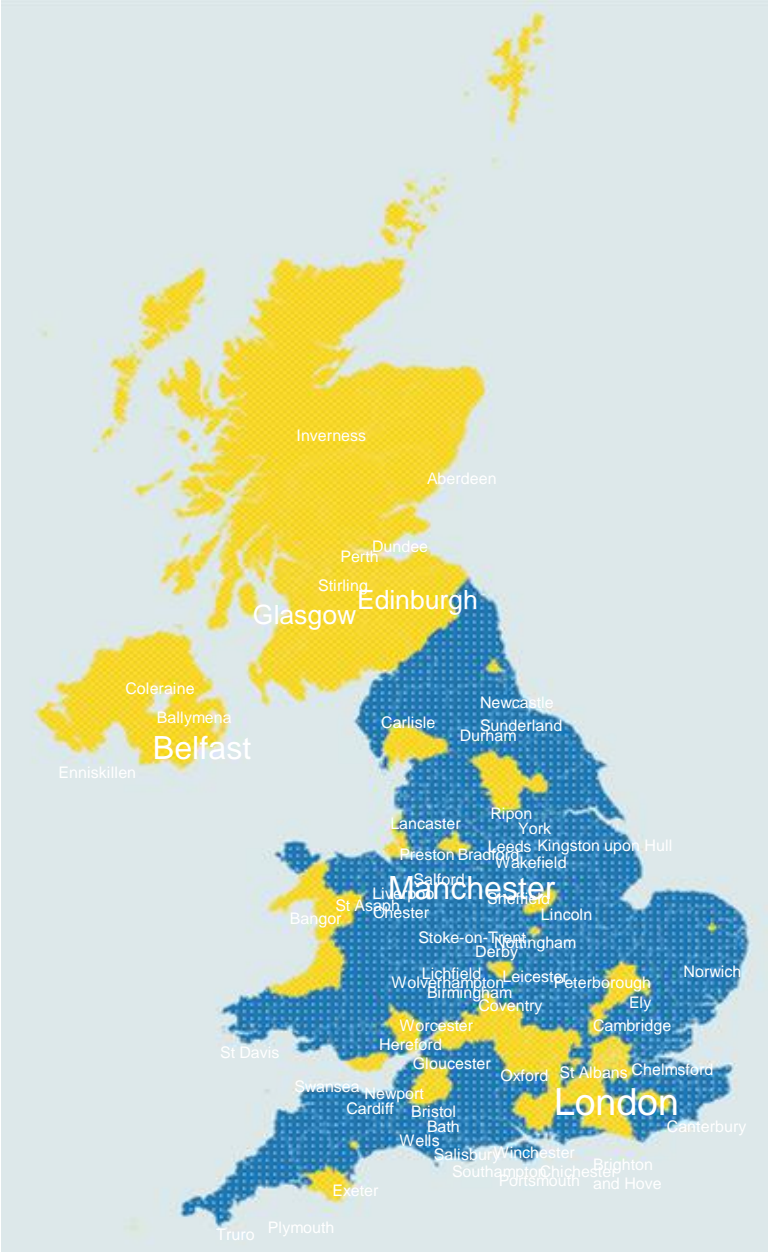


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EU Referendum results by council



Source: Metro Dynamics analysis of Electoral Commission data. Metro — Dynamics

A new flag for Norwich?

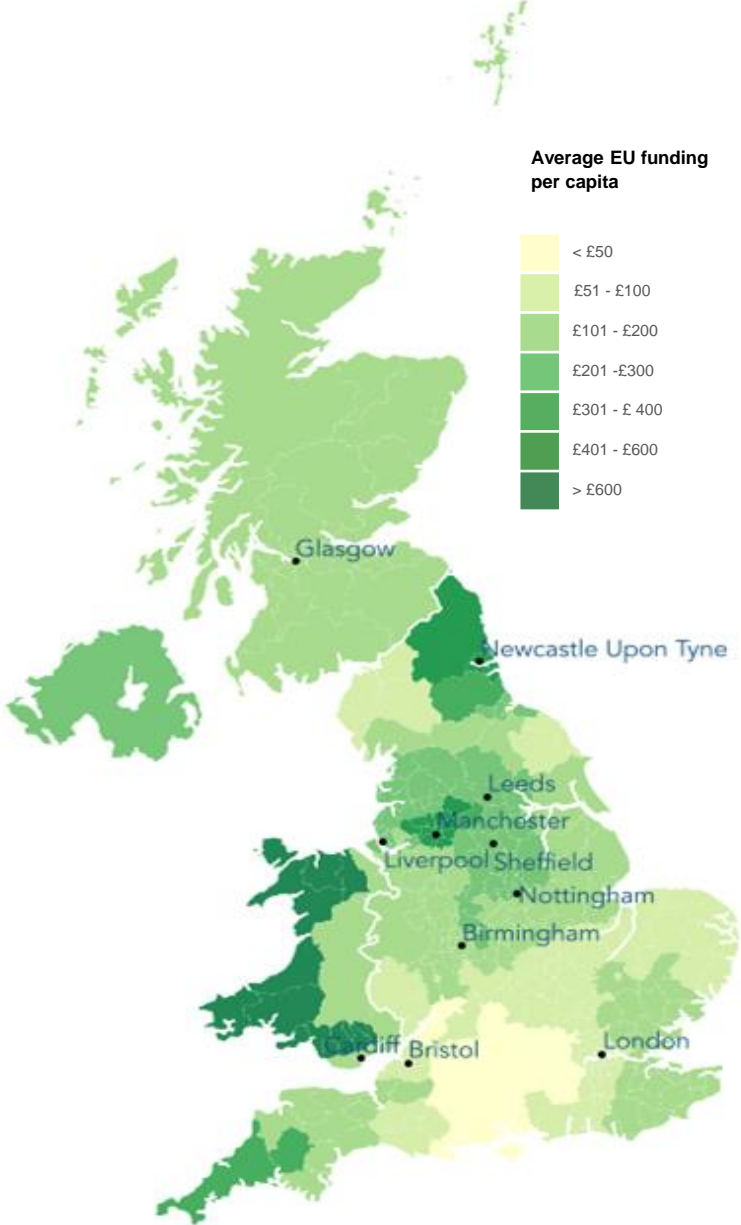


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Distribution of ESIF funding



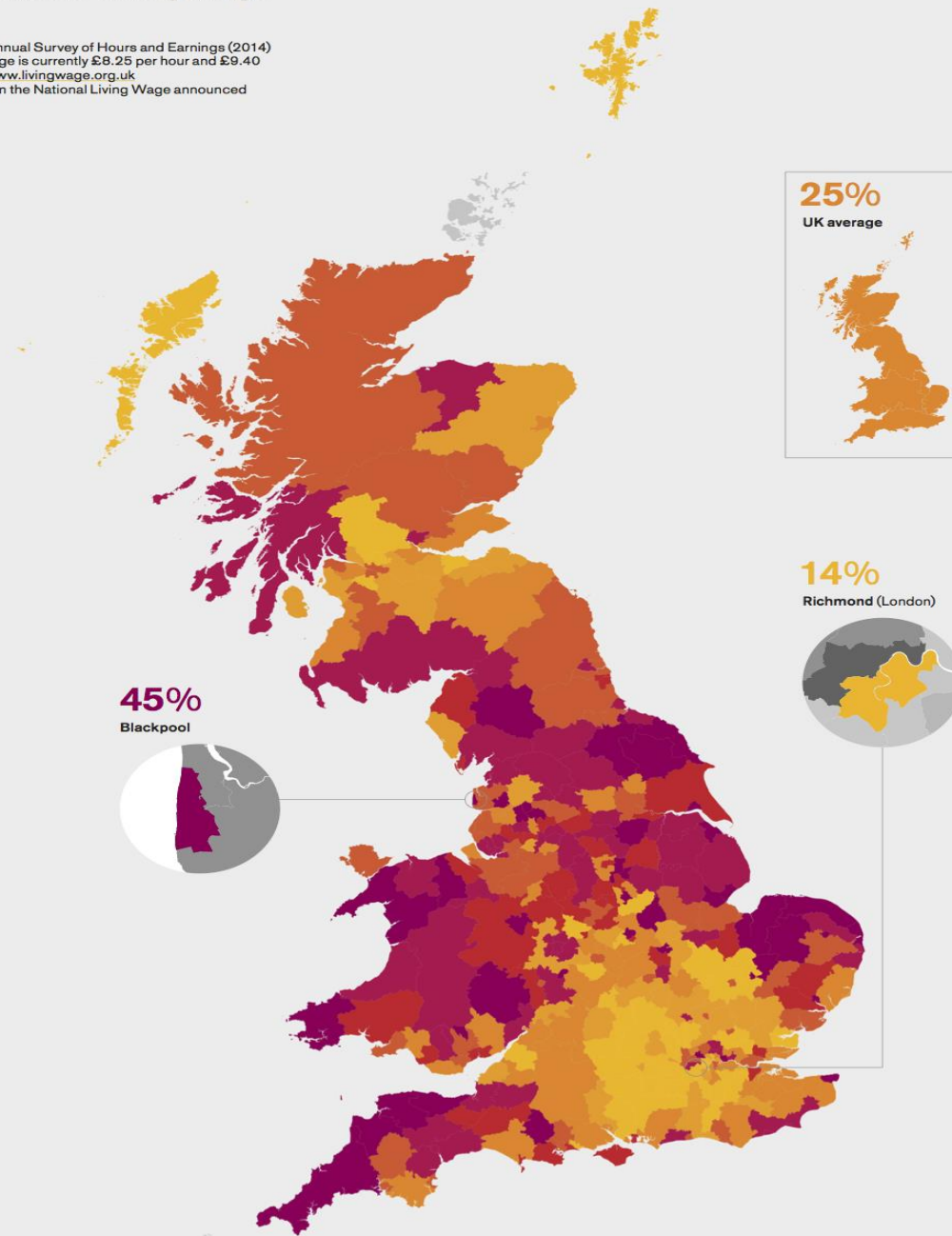
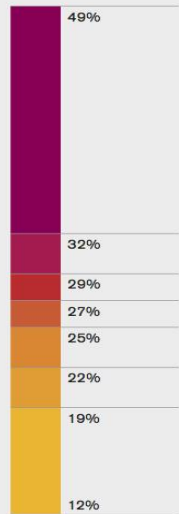
Source: European Commission

Percentage of all workers who earn less than the Living Wage

Source: RSA analysis of Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (2014) for all adults. UK Living Wage is currently £8.25 per hour and £9.40 per hour in London. See www.livingwage.org.uk. The analysis is not based on the National Living Wage announced by the Government.



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“Revolt at the Ballot Box”

Three decades of marginalisation, low growth and rising inequality.

Growing consensus that we must tackle this divide otherwise it will undermine our economy & democracy

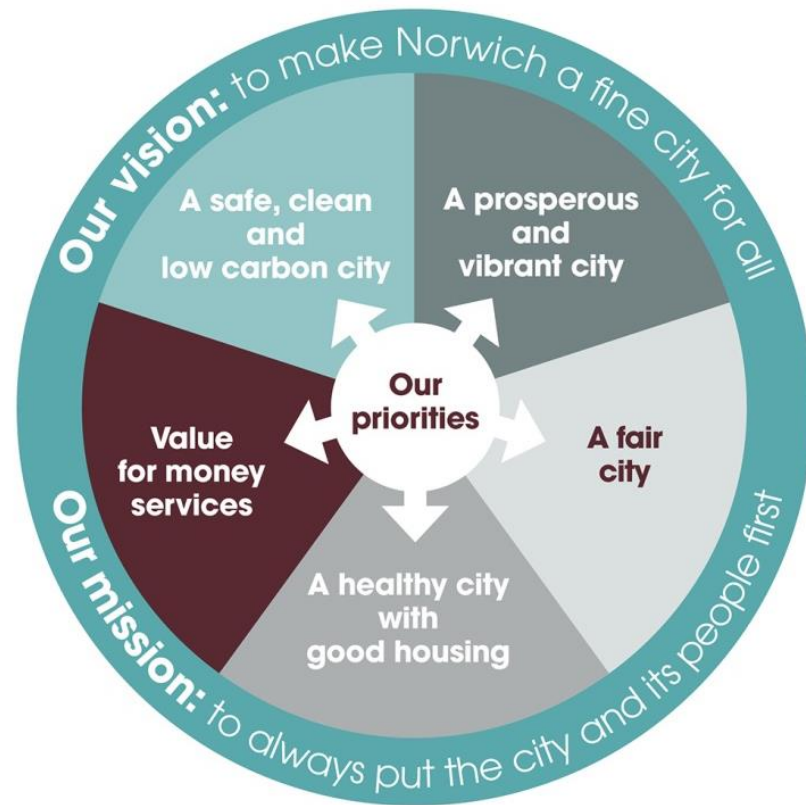
‘Inclusive growth’

Develop a policy framework for inclusive, place-based growth that integrates social & economic policies

Combine the social dimensions of economic development – including health and well-being, good quality housing, skills and education.

“If the Government was serious about inclusive growth it would invest (rather than simply accrue cost) in social infrastructure in the same way it currently does in physical infrastructure, assuming the same long term multiplier effects on the nature and size of economic growth”.

Shaping a vision for Norwich and refreshing the *Corporate plan*



Inclusive growth strategy for Norwich

- Should provide a framework for our revised political priorities for the refreshed *Corporate plan*.
- Already taking this approach – Equalities strategy / anti-poverty work / Living Wage campaign / investment in housing and encouraging inward investment and regeneration.
- But need to win the argument that investment in **social infrastructure** is as important investment in physical infrastructure



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People, Place, Economy, Wellbeing

June 2016





Theresa May – Champion of “the left behind”?

What we need from the May administration.

Not a rationing of public services cut in a different way

Reverse many of the policies of the past 6 years

- housing/welfare reform/rights at work/
- funding of public services and local government
- **Our voice** at the table for Brexit negotiations

What we need from our partners and stakeholders

Council can only mitigate some of the deeply engrained problems and challenges facing the city

Budget reductions between now and 2020.

To deliver 'inclusive growth' will require active participation of partners and communities across Norwich.

Examples

Scrutiny Committee

Investigation into ending food poverty in Norwich and building sustainable food networks.

Investigating the operation of Academy chains in Norwich. A good deal for our children?

A continuing dialogue

How we collectively set about becoming an 'inclusive city' where **everyone** shares the benefits of being a citizen of Norwich.

