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Regeneration - achieving more with less

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SMARTER WAY'S OF WORKING TO DELIVER REGENERATION

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- Greater Manchester (GMcR) City Region Pilot
 - Driven by the development of the GMcR Strategy
 - Based on the Manchester Independent Economic Review (MIER)

MIER's Main Message: “agglomeration”

- MCR has scale and density so bigger potential...
- ... but punches below its weight due to low productivity
- Agglomeration is the spatial clustering of the skilled, jobs, amenities, icons, influence...
- ...and what can drive MCR's long-term economic growth
- Need is for laser-like policy focus on:
 - driving up productivity
 - increasing agglomeration benefits
 - reducing agglomeration costs
- Nurture and grow strategic urban assets, incl. in particular the airport, universities

The “Review” recommends:

- Emphasis on high skills and basic skills
- Focus on early years experience in deprived areas
- Make housing and planning policy more responsive to market demands
- Ensure viability of Manchester Airport
- Transport: focus on productivity and realistic traffic management

The “Review” recommends:

- Move quickly to unified regime for planning, regeneration & neighbourhood renewal
- Prioritise location of key science/non-traded (quasi) public sector investment
- Move on from sector-based clustering policy
- Develop more robust city region governance able to take big decisions

City Region Pilot Workstreams

- Radically improve early year's experience
- Highly skilled people and talent
- Improving transport and connectivity
- Rapid transition to low carbon economy
- Creating places to meet the needs of a competitive city region
- Improving Housing Market's
- Science Innovation and digital infrastructure
- Internalisation of existing businesses
- Reform of public services in deprived areas

New AGMA Governance Arrangements



So Where Are We?

- Ministerial Announcements
 - Transport
 - Skills
 - Post 16 arrangements
 - Low carbon economy
 - Science
 - Connectivity

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