



North Devon Railway Development Alliance

July 2026



Devon and Torbay
Combined County Authority

Our Policy Framework

Corporate Plan 2025 – 2035

**Local
Growth
Plan**



**Skills and
Future
Workforce
Plan**



**Local
Transport
Plan**



**Strategic
Housing
Plan**



Our Vision, Mission and Values



Our Vision

To lead with collaboration, act with purpose, and invest in what makes Devon and Torbay extraordinary – its people, its landscapes, and its potential.



Our Values

Be Brave
Make it Matter
Change the Story



Our Mission

We put Devon and Torbay **first** – raising our profile, attracting investment, and showing that **sustainable and inclusive economic growth** isn't just limited to big cities.

The English Devolution White Paper

UK Government

Strategic Authorities (New Devolved Tier)

Established Mayoral

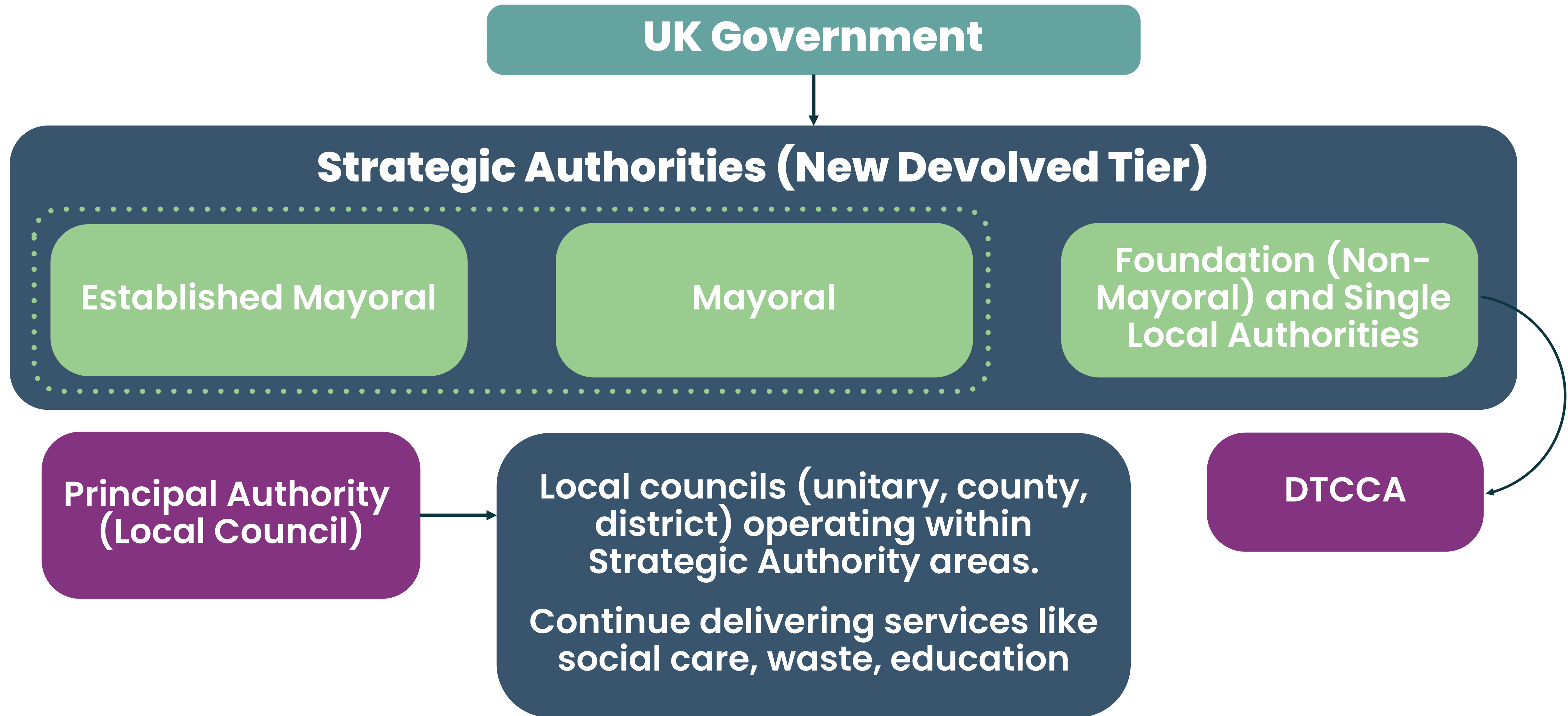
Mayoral

Foundation (Non-Mayoral) and Single Local Authorities

Principal Authority (Local Council)

Local councils (unitary, county, district) operating within Strategic Authority areas.
Continue delivering services like social care, waste, education

DTCCA



Our first twelve months

1 Established **operating model arrangements** for each of our areas of responsibility with strong member induction

2 Built our **governance, constitution, assurance framework and core team** and agreed our operating arrangements and **budget for 2026/27**, and started Overview and Scrutiny and Audit and Governance Arrangements

3 Deployed **£16m of capital investment** from initial devolution funding **benefiting our communities**

4 Commenced work on a **Strategic Housing Pipeline** with Homes England and refreshed data that underpinned the **Devon Housing Commission**

5 **Strengthened partnerships** across councils, VCSE, employers and education through our Advisory Groups

6 Delivered **five major strategic plans**: Local Growth Plan, Skills and Future Workforce Plan, Transport Plan, Housing Plan, each of which underpin our Corporate Plan

7 Developed **joint governance of Connect to Work** with Devon County Council, Torbay Council and Plymouth City Council

8 Taken opportunity for **external support and challenge** through LGA Governance Peer Challenge

9 Worked closely with Devon County Council and Torbay Council to **prepare Adult Skills Fund devolution**

Summary of our regional challenges

Taking a structured approach developing our policy framework has allowed the DTCCA to identify the **strategic challenges** devolution and collaboration with local authorities can help overcome:



Productivity gap

Productivity remains below national average



Housing affordability

Housing affordability crisis worsening



Skills shortages & inactivity

Uneven access to skills, training and higher-level qualifications



Transport accessibility

Rural and coastal communities face isolation and poor transport, especially for young people



Rural & coastal inequality

Economic inactivity and demographic pressures rising and public services stretched across a dispersed geography

We have some of the tools required to address these issues, but more are needed

The Strategic Opportunity for a Place



Opportunities – Local Transport

The DTCCA was informed of a multi-year transport settlement in December 2025. This consolidates a range of transport funding across all modes (highways, active travel, bus services, EV charging).



Operational arrangements largely remain with both constituent councils for 2026/27, especially in relation to Concessionary Fares (now harmonised) and subsidised bus services

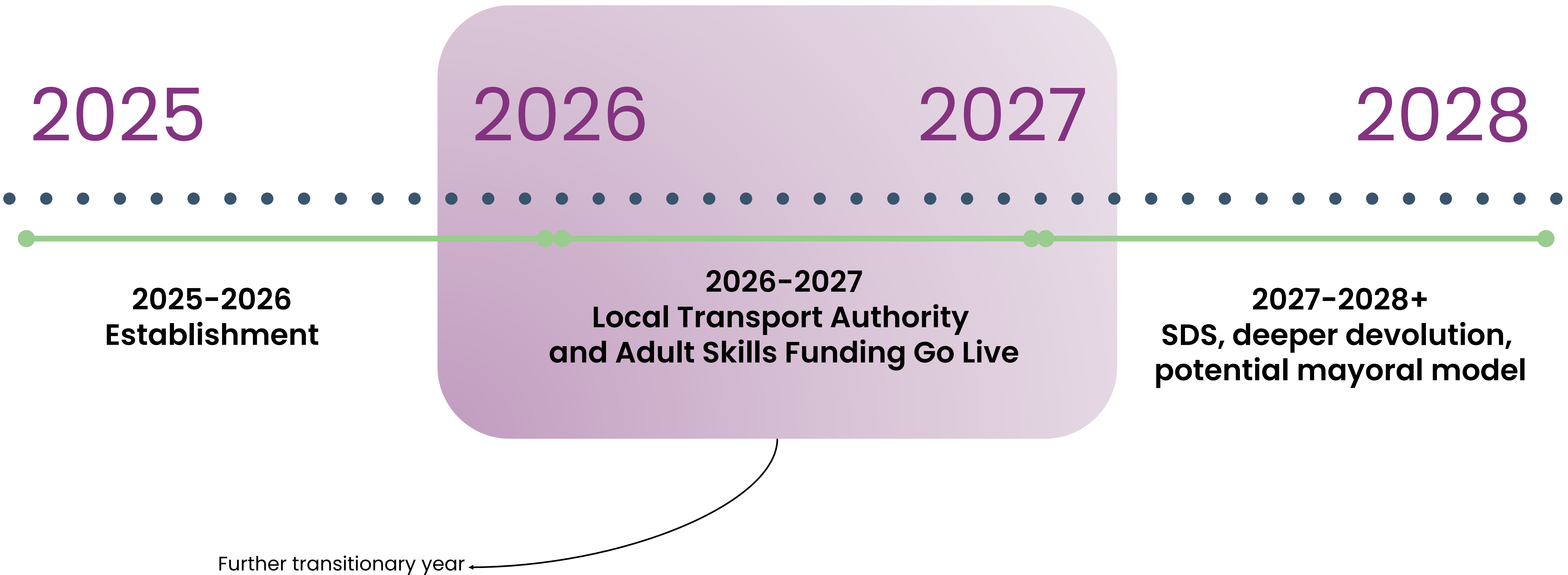
There will be a single capital programme, set out in a Local Transport Delivery Plan (submitted on 20 March) and final submission in September

Arrangements are also underway to establish a single Enhanced Partnership for Devon and Torbay

EV cross channel pavement charging will be accessed through a single front door on the DTCCA website

Lobbying and convening for additional transport investment across Devon, Torbay and the wider Pensinsula

Why this matters



How we operate – our hybrid approach

Our Statutory Officers

Our **statutory officers and accountable body functions** are provided by our constituent councils and consist of our Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 73 Chief Finance Officer on a 0.1FTE basis (total: 0.3 FTE)

Our Core Team

Our **core team consists** of our Director of Operations, Programme Manager, Housing Lead, Governance and Scrutiny Officers and our Communications and Engagement Officer and a finance post (total: 5.6FTE)

Service Level Agreements

The DTCCA has entered two Service Level Agreements with its constituent councils: **Services and Functions** and **Accountable Body**

How we operate – transport

Transport

For 2026/27, **operational arrangements and staffing** largely remain in place at both councils:

- **Concessionary Fares** – harmonised policy and single brand but reimbursement remains with DCC and TC
- **Subsidised Services** – DTCCA is passporting LABG revenue to DCC and TC on previous allocations
- **Enhanced Partnership** – winding down individual partnerships and replacing with a single Devon and Torbay EP
- **Single Capital Programme** and Local Transport Delivery Plan
- **EV Cross Channel** –single portal for applications into the DTCCA but operational delivery as previously delivered through both constituent councils
- **Highways Maintenance** – responsibilities for highways funding now resides with the DTCCA but it not the LHA so has agreed to passport funding
- **No transport levy given all operational capacity** (approx. 80FTE) resides in constituent councils. Accountability resides with the DTCCA

Transport

- The Government allocated £541.2 million as part of the Local Transport Consolidated Funding Settlement (LTCFS)
- Subsidised bus services and concessionary fare schemes remaining the responsibility of the DTCCA but delivered operationally by Devon County Council and Torbay Council during 2026/27 to ensure continuity and stability





Transport

- Harmonised concessionary fares across Devon and Torbay, enabling fairer travel for all residents.
- Worked with partners to develop and adopt the Local Transport Plan which outlines the priorities for transport across the county between 2025 and 2040.
- Working towards one Enhanced Partnership for the region, ensuring consistency in travel across Devon and Torbay.