

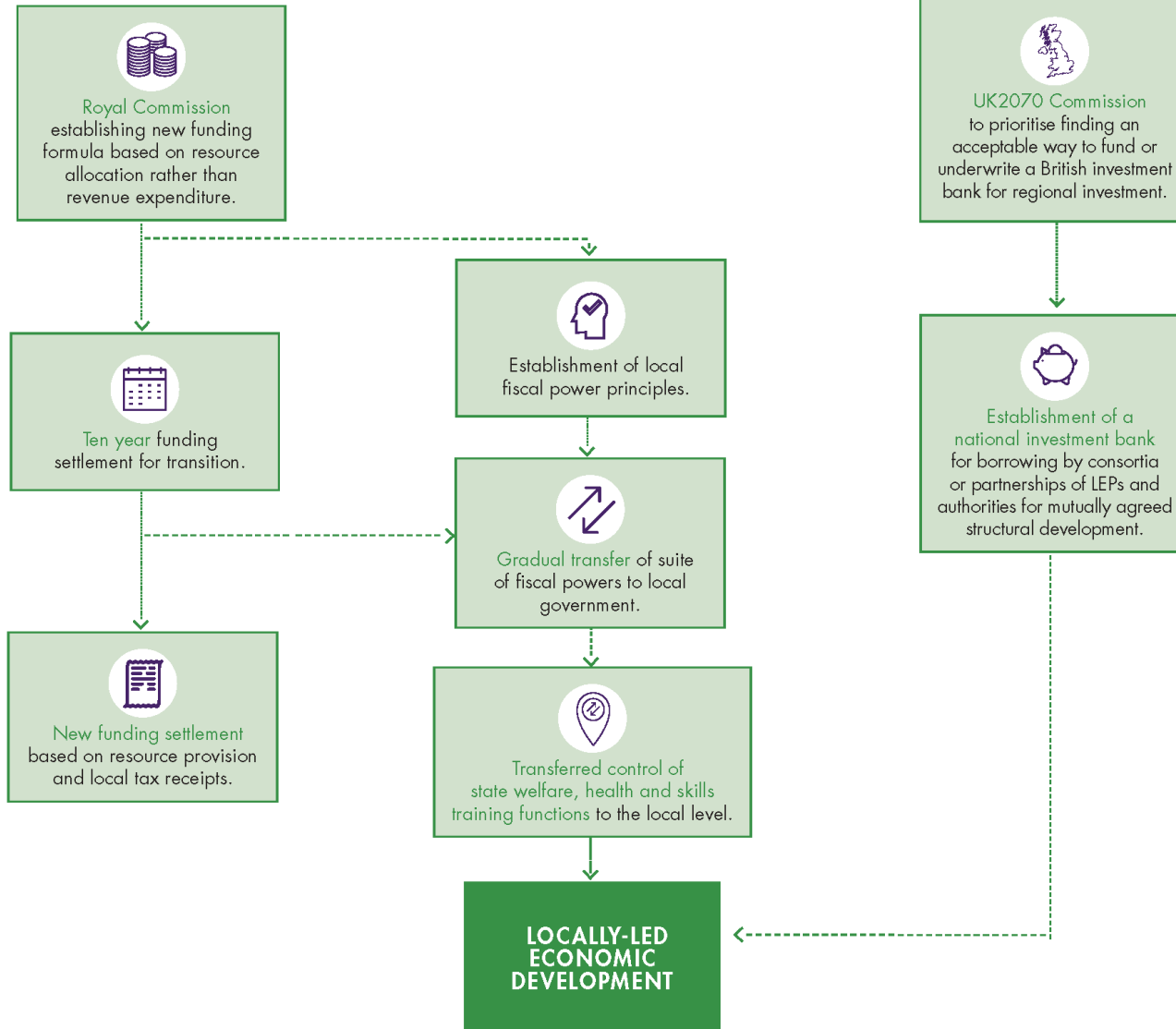
# Supporting clean growth in the 2020s

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## Hitting Reset - a case for local leadership: Headline Recommendations

- A ten-year spending review window should be issued for local government, to create time and space for fiscal devolution;
- The **UK2070 Commission** on regional inequality should make a major focus of their enquiry how a British investment bank could avoid a conflict with public sector debt, through either open market borrowing or reformulating debt calculations
- A **Royal Commission** should be established to determine the relevant criteria and develop a baseline funding formula which is resource rather than expenditure based.
- Then central government must establish a self-sustaining financial system for local authorities – allowing long-term flexibility without relying on ad-hoc and politically-motivated grants and funding streams.
- This could include trials of tourism levies, income, sales, road or corporation taxes and would be designed to eventually replace most of the revenue grants from central government



# The route to clean growth

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- >50% councils declare emergencies
- Clean growth a national 'grand challenge'
- Embedding clean growth in Local Industrial Strategies
- Utilising geographic and sectoral difference

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# Driving clean local growth

## Powers are only part of the picture

	Buildings	Energy	Manufacturing	Transport	Land use
<b>Combined Authorities</b>	<p>● Strategic planning powers to enable low carbon housing.</p> <p>Resources and co-ordination for retrofit programmes.</p>	<p>● Little control over the energy market and infrastructure but can build infrastructure into strategic plans.</p> <p>Well-placed to drive private investment in emerging technologies.</p>	<p>● Able to work closely with LEPs and direct finance towards emerging technologies.</p> <p>Well-placed to co-ordinate large projects like carbon capture and storage.</p> <p>Lack regulatory powers.</p>	<p>● Relevant powers to set more ambitious standards for electric vehicle adoption and to plan for major infrastructure change.</p>	<p>● Little overlap with rural areas to manage the transition to alternative land management methods.</p>
<b>Unitary, county and district councils</b>	<p>● Some potential to encourage lower carbon housing via local plans.</p> <p>Able to use ownership of land and building stock to boost clean technology uptake.</p>	<p>● Some are encouraging external investment in renewable energy but there is a lack of other levers.</p>	<p>● Little power to co-ordinate major overhauls of industrial practices, although waste management powers and assets could help to drive the transition to more circular business models.</p>	<p>● Could use responsibility for non-trunk roads and fleet ownership to support the uptake of electric vehicles and other, greener transport alternatives.</p> <p>Limited powers to support integrated transport solutions.</p>	<p>● Some planning powers and the ability to use procurement and action on their own land.</p>

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# Policy recommendations

## Using local industrial strategies to drive change

- Recommit to green local industrial strategies
- Provide expert advice and targeted financial support
- Offer new sources of finance
- Devolve more powers
- Embed the net zero goal in local planning

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# Where do we go now?



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# Manifesto commitments



2 million new jobs in clean growth



offshore wind carbon capture, hydrogen from gas and nuclear (including fusion) energy.



Transport – HS2, Northern Rail



£1bn commitment to ensure Electric Vehicle charging points to ensure everyone is no further than 30 minutes away from a charging station

# What else is in store?

- “Levelling up” agenda & English devolution
- March 11 Budget
- Mayoral elections (London, West Midlands, Greater Manchester) and agenda –
- Weirdos and misfits....
- Whitehall reform – and reformed Department for Energy?