



Heart of the South West

Leaders and Chief Executives' Meeting on 25 November

At this meeting, Leaders and Chief Executives discussed the draft proposals and considered governance issues.

They agreed that:

- The core of our offer to Government should be a range of activity to close the productivity gap with the rest of the UK. This objective is likely to resonate with Government who are keen to see devolution promote productivity.
- **A draft would be distributed to Leaders and Chief Executives this week.**
- On 16 December a meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives will discuss the final draft and the strategy for moving forward.
- Whilst working to finalise the document by the **18th December**, submission to Government will take place in January to allow fuller discussion with MPs and other stakeholders.
- **It was** agreed that the bid would leave options open but state that a combined authority was the most appropriate model of governance for our devolution deal. This remains open for review depending on negotiation with Government. The draft document will reflect this agreement and give flexibility to decide this before any deal.