



Merseyside Civic Society invites your attendance at the
2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 17 November, 2011

at which a debate will be chaired by

Roger Phillips

[BBC Radio Merseyside and an MCS Vice President]

on the subject of

Elected Mayors

Speakers / panel members will include:

Liam Fogarty

[journalist and broadcaster]

Peter Kilfoyle

[former Labour MP for Walton and Minister,
now involved in political research at a think tank (Exurbe), and
an Honorary Fellow in Politics at the University of Liverpool]

Larry Neild

[political journalist and broadcaster] and

Dr Stuart Wilks-Heeg

[Executive Director of Democratic Audit and
Senior Lecturer in Social Policy at the University of Liverpool]

18.00 hrs [for refreshments] for 18.30 hrs
at The Quaker Meeting House,
22 School Lane, Liverpool, L1 3BT

Near Central Station. Q-Park is the nearest secure parking, located in Hanover Street.
This is just a few minutes from the venue on foot,
as is the Liverpool One bus station, adjacent to John Lewis.

All are welcome to attend this open meeting

MCS AGM 'Elected Mayors' Debate

Proposed Format

The debate will not focus on a single proposition but on a series of propositions, each representing a progressively greater commitment to a principle. The final proposition listed below reflects the notion of 'rebalancing' that is explored more fully in the recently published report by Michael Heseltine and Terry Leahy entitled 'Rebalancing Britain: Policy or Slogan?'.

Those present will eventually have the opportunity to vote on each of these in turn.

The propositions are as follows:

Proposition 1

'We accept the principle of the appointment of an elected mayor'.

Proposition 2

'We support the case for an elected mayor of Liverpool'.

Proposition 3

'We support the case for an elected mayor of Merseyside / Liverpool City Region'.

Proposition 4

'We call on the Liverpool City Region's MPs, local authority leaders and the LEP to jointly lobby the Prime Minister for an elected Metro Mayor, to help to rebalance ever increasing dominance by London'.

Each of the four principal speakers will have an initial 5 minutes in which to put forward his views on the issue of elected mayors and to indicate where he would place himself in relation to the four propositions.

A couple of initial questions may be posed after each contribution before further questions are put to the 'panel' and the debate is opened up to the floor.

After a period of discussion, a concluding vote will be taken on each proposition in turn.