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Thank you for your support for The Productivity Institute over the last year. Our next newsletter will be sent January 19, 2022. We'll be closed from 23 December through 3 January. We hope you have a safe and healthy Christmas break.

Bart van Ark, Tony Venables, Nicola Pike and the rest of the Institute team.



The Politics of Productivity

How have government policies shaped the UK's poor productivity performance? The deepening divide between economics and political science reinforces over-specialisation that ignores the complex connections between economic and political drivers of productivity. Our latest paper, [The Politics of Productivity: institutions, governance and policy](#) by Adrian Pabst and Andrew Westwood outlines the key issues and questions in our Governance and institutions research theme.

The fiscal implication of Levelling Up



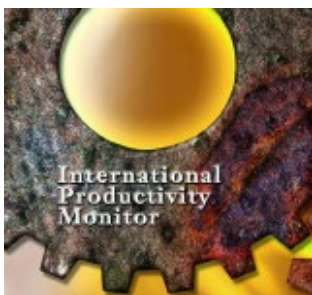
In order to understand the long-term economic challenges that any devolution-type reforms face when trying to promote the interregional Levelling Up of productivity, it is essential to consider the likely financial and fiscal issues arising in the relationships between central and sub-central government. Our new paper, [The fiscal implication of Levelling Up and UK Governance devolution](#) by Philip McCann examines the effects of changes in these fiscal relationships.

- With the government's White Paper on Levelling Up delayed until 2022, catch up on TPI insights and analysis on what's needed to turn a slogan into meaningful regional growth. There's academic papers, videos, blogs and a podcast featuring TPI members. Explore them all [on our website](#).



Productivity Commission: submit written evidence

We're inviting written evidence for the second evidence session of the Productivity Commission, which will focus on international best practice. Send your submission, which should be no longer than 3,000 words, by 5pm on 14 January 2022 to productivity@niesr.ac.uk. You can view the first evidence session about sizing the productivity problem on [YouTube](#), and read the written submissions on the [NIESR website](#). A report on the first session will be published in 2022.



New IPM issue: Decoupling of Productivity and Pay

The latest issue of the the [International Productivity Monitor](#) will be published on Friday 17 December, in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Living Standards. The Fall issue, No. 41, includes a symposium of four articles on the *Decoupling of Productivity and Pay in the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada*, with several high profile contributions with the latest evidence and analysis, including an article on productivity and pay in the UK by Andreas Teichgräber and John Van Reenen. The articles can be accessed from Friday on the

[IPM page](#) at the TPI website. TPI subscribers will also receive an email with direct links to the articles. If you do not yet have a complimentary subscription to the IPM, please sign up [on our website](#).

Regional Productivity Insights Series

We're releasing a series of insight papers covering our Regional Productivity Forum areas over the coming months. These deep dives into productivity offer an extensive agenda-setting analysis with historic regional context, key issues and future research priorities. They're accompanied by a high-level executive summary, including a scattergraph showing the disparities within regions in comparison with the UK average, the primary drivers and bottlenecks, a SWOT analysis and a look to the future.



Wales

Research, development and innovation activity in Wales' private sector ranks lowest in the UK and is a major factor in the nation's poor productivity performance.

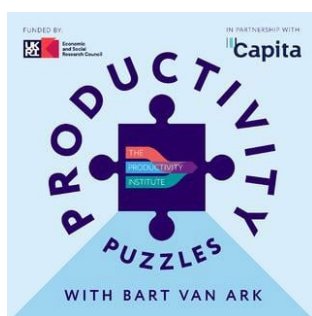
- [Read the paper and the executive summary](#)



Catch up with the insights from other regions:

- [Northern Ireland's paper and executive summary](#)
- [North West of England's paper and executive summary](#)
- [Scotland's paper and executive summary](#)

Reports from the Midlands, East Anglia, London and the South and Yorkshire, Humberside and the North East will be published early 2022.



How a healthy culture creates a more productive business

Sir Cary Cooper, a world-leading expert on workers' health and well-being, believes the most productive companies are the ones that create a healthy culture for those who work there. Hear more of his insights with host Bart van Ark [in our latest episode of Productivity Puzzles](#).

Upcoming Events

14 January Written evidence deadline for the Productivity Commission session on international best practice. More information [on the NIESR website](#).

16 January Submission deadline for the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCoE) annual Conference held 25-27 May 2022. More details on the [ESCoE website](#).

17 February Productivity Commission second evidence session focusing on international

best practice. More details on the [NIESR website](#).

TPI Publications

Our Working Papers and Productivity Insight Papers can be [found on our website](#).

- Inward investment and UK productivity [Read](#)
- Understanding productivity: Organisational Capital perspectives [Read](#)
- Climate change and fiscal responsibility [Read](#)
- UK's Industrial Policy: Learning from the past? [Read](#).
- The idea of productivity [Read](#)
- Covid-19 business support and SME productivity in the UK [Read](#)
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