



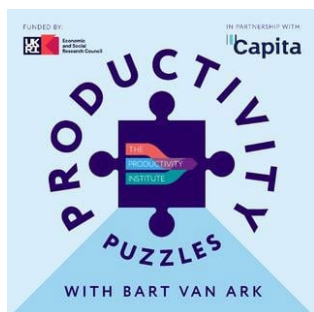
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The Midlands' Productivity Challenge: Exploring the issues

The Midlands has one of the lowest levels of productivity in the UK, leading to a potential loss to region up to £20 billion in lost income each year according to our report, authored by Professor Nigel Driffield.

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



Levelling Up through industrial policy, institutions and fiscal mechanisms

How do we level up regions in a sustained manner – raising productivity and living standards, and reducing inequalities? Why do institutions matter and what should change to make it work? Ahead of the government's Levelling Up white paper, our latest [Productivity Puzzles](#) podcast episode discusses recent research with three of The Productivity Institute's thematic leads – Professors Diane Coyle, Andy Westwood and Philip McCann. For more information read:

- A [summary](#) of the episode
- [UK's Industrial Policy: Learning from the past](#) by Diane Coyle and Adam Muhtar, University of Cambridge
- [Levelling Up, Local Growth and Productivity in England](#) by Andy Westwood, Marianne Sensier and Nicola Pike, The University of Manchester
- [The fiscal implication of levelling up and UK governance devolution](#) by Philip McCann, The University of Sheffield

- A summary of the TPI's research and insights on the [Levelling Up agenda](#).



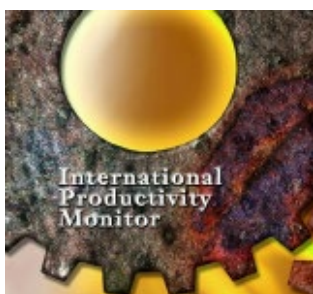
English Mayors aren't Metro Medicis. Yet.

Professor Andy Westwood examines how the Medici family of Renaissance Florence is influencing thinking around the Levelling Up agenda in [this TPI blog](#).



Productivity Commission: international best practice

The Productivity Commission's second oral evidence session on international best practice will be held on Thursday, 17 February from 2pm-4.30pm. 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](#), in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, is now out and includes four articles on the decoupling of productivity and pay:

- [Productivity and Pay in the US and Canada](#) by Jacob Greenspon, Anna Stansbury and Lawrence H. Summers
- [Have Productivity and Pay Decoupled in the UK?](#) Andreas Teichgräber and John Van Reenen
- [The Productivity-Median Compensation Gap in the United States: The Contribution of Increased Wage Inequality and the Role of Policy Choices](#) by Lawrence Mishel and Josh Bivens
- [The Evolution of the Productivity-Median Wage Gap in Canada, 1976-2019](#) by Andrew Sharpe and James Ashwell

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Upcoming Events

16 February Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Elodie Andrieu.

17 February Productivity Commission second evidence session focusing on international best practice. More details on the [NIESR website](#).

2 March Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). Issam Samiri

9 March Brown Bag seminar (TPI academics only). John Ponquiz

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](#)
- Uber And Beyond: Policy Implications for the UK [Read](#)
- Public Investments in COVID-19 green packages [Read](#)
- Leveraging the benefits of location decision into performance [Read](#)
- Incentive regulation, productivity growth and environmental effects: the case of electricity networks in Great Britain [Read](#)
- Productivity in UK healthcare during and after the Covid-19 pandemic [Read](#)
- A concerted effort to tackle the productivity puzzle during the post-COVID era [Read](#)
- Human Capital & productivity [Read](#)
- Productivity & the Pandemic [Read](#)
- Productivity Growth and Capital Deepening in the Fourth Industrial Revolution [Read](#)

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