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KADER ASMAL argues that discussion about the future development local and regional government has been bedevilled by Establishment attempts to preserve privilege. Yet there is a crucial need to develop devolved structures that will sustain, rather than hinder, the flowering of a non-racial democracy.

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