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To: Stephen Kinnock, Chair of the UKSPF APPG (by email only)

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Dear Stephen,

### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus**

The UK Government's flagship Levelling Up White Paper sets out an ambitious plan to transform the UK, spreading opportunity and prosperity to all of our communities. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF or the Fund) is a central pillar of this agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK.

Today, we have published the UKSPF Prospectus setting out the Fund's objectives, priorities and £2.6 billion in allocations to local places right across the country. This starts the process of places across the country developing local plans to deliver the Fund.

It represents the culmination of concerted effort and joint working across government, with the devolved governments, and local partners in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is a key component on our journey to transform the UK, and our central mission to level up and spread opportunity and prosperity to all of our communities.

This new Fund seizes the opportunities of leaving the European Union, by investing in domestic priorities and targeting funding where it is needed most: building pride in place; supporting pay, employment and productivity growth; supporting high quality skills training; and increasing life chances across the UK.

All areas of the UK are receiving an allocation from the Fund via a funding formula, recognising that even the most affluent parts of the UK contain pockets of deprivation and need support.

Our approach reflects several of the themes of the work of the APPG and indeed work by the Industrial Communities Alliance. It is an allocated multi-year fund, rather than a competition. Our approach to allocations matches in real terms what was spent in the

devolved administrations and Local Enterprise Partnership areas of England, providing continuity. The investment priorities and financial arrangements will provide a high degree of flexibility to each local place.

The Fund will lead to visible, tangible improvements to the places where people work and live, alongside investment in human capital, giving communities up and down the UK more reasons to be proud of their area.

A key part of the Fund is Multiply, the adult numeracy programme. With up to £559 million in funding available, this programme will offer local and national support for people to improve their numeracy skills - equipping adults across the UK with the skills they need to progress in life. It is being led by the Department for Education in England and funding will be distributed to the Greater London Authority, all Mayoral Combined Authorities, and upper tier/unitary authorities outside of these areas in England. In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, Multiply will be delivered alongside wider UKSPF activity.

You can find further information about the Fund, and how it will be administered in the UKSPF Prospectus and the Multiply Prospectus, both of which have been published online:

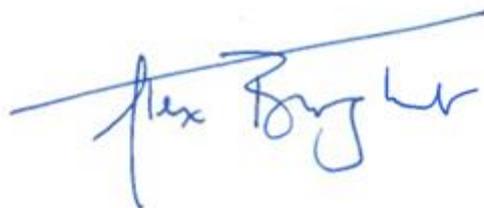
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