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Dear Keith

Thank you for your letter of 25 July to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP, about the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. I am responding as the Minister responsible for this policy area and would like to thank you on her behalf for your kind words about her appointment as Secretary of State.

I acknowledge your concerns about the need for early certainty regarding future funding commitments. We are giving full consideration to this matter, including the hard work undertaken on projects to date.

This Government was elected on a manifesto that emphasised a partnership approach with local authorities and our intention to stabilise the funding system, moving away from wasteful competition. We will seek to apply these principles as we think about the future of local growth funding.

Decisions regarding funding beyond March 2025 are ultimately a matter for the next Spending Review, the date of which is yet to be confirmed. We are, however, continuing to work closely with local authorities to ensure that there is a smooth transition to a future funding regime, so that communities can continue to receive the vital support that they need.

Yours sincerely,

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