



# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Dear Robert,

## **Timeframe for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee, along with several others, has had a long-term interest in the impact of leaving the European Union in relation to regional funding. Following a recent exchange of letters, your department has confirmed that “the Spending Review will create a multi-year UKSPF which will support local economic recovery by driving economic growth and tackling deprivation. Final decisions on its design and allocation will be taken at this stage”.

We are increasingly concerned that the uncertainty about the future proposals, and the timescale for implementing them, is having a detrimental impact. There is concern that, given the amount of time needed to plan for and make submissions to the fund, that there may be a gap between the current and proposed scheme. Further, as the time available diminishes, it becomes increasingly unlikely that any meaningful consultation on the proposed scheme will be able to take place.

The Committee would be grateful if could inform us as early as possible on the timeframe for implementing the UKSPF and the Government’s intentions in relation to consulting on the plans.

**Clive Betts MP**  
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