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Dear Helen,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 21 November and for your, and the Committee's, interest in the co-production of the National Youth Strategy.

We have a chance to drive forward real change for young people, championing their voices and bringing power back to communities. I look forward to co-producing the Strategy and setting a new direction for a generation to succeed alongside young people, the youth sector and government colleagues at all levels.

I will be working closely with my officials over the next few weeks to confirm and finalise funding allocations and approaches for the next financial year, supporting the youth sector through the transition following the wind down of the National Citizen Service.

In 2025/26, we will be increasing the total funding for other DCMS youth programmes to provide access to regular activities, adventures away from home and opportunities to volunteer. Through those programmes, we will continue to support the fantastic organisations who engage with young people, day in and day out.

In addition, we will be launching the Local Youth Transformation pilot to build back local authorities' lost capability in leading on the out of school youth offer, sowing the seeds for a much-needed rejuvenation of local youth services. The Local Youth Transformation pilot will test a new way of working and supporting local authorities, providing them with tools, guidance, peer challenge and funding to assess, improve, and invest in impactful local youth offers.

We are also allocating over £85 million of capital funding in 2025/26 to create fit-for-purpose, welcoming spaces for young people. This includes launching the new Better Youth Spaces fund, which will allocate at least £26 million for youth clubs to buy new equipment and do renovations as well as completing the Youth Investment Fund projects. There are over 250 onward Youth Investment Fund grant agreements (227 grant agreements publicly announced) with beneficiaries across the country benefiting from over £250 million of funding announced to date.



Once business planning for 2025/26 is completed my Department will provide an update to the Education Committee when funding allocations have been confirmed.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Lisa Nandy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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