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Post-EU Regional Development Funding

Dear Dehenna,

Thank you for your response to my colleague Darren Millar's invitation to give evidence to the Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, as part of our inquiry into post-EU funding in Wales. I have now resumed my role as Chair of the Committee and I welcome your offer to submit written evidence to the Committee's inquiry. The clerks of the Committee will provide you with some information on the specific areas that the Committee is particularly interested in we would be very grateful to understand the UK Government's views on those areas.

Whilst the UK Government's written evidence to the inquiry is welcome, we would of course, prefer a UK Government Minister to give evidence to the Committee in person. As you are aware, the UK Government has ultimate control over the Shared Prosperity and Levelling Up Funds, and it's vital that we're able to scrutinise and ask questions of its decisions. The Committee believe that it's essential that there is an opportunity to scrutinise a UK Government Minister, preferably from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, to ensure the effectiveness of this inquiry. Therefore, we would like to be as flexible as possible in order to accommodate you or a colleague's attendance and I'd be grateful if you could provide us with some convenient dates and times so that the Committee can consider them.

I look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail on the 's'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

