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**Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (No.4)**

Dear Minister,

At its meeting on 28 September the Committee considered the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) (No. 4) on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill, having previously reported on the LCM and first SLCM for the Bill.

The Committee does not intend to report on the latest SLCM, but agreed to write to you for clarification on some points in advance of the reporting deadline of 13 October:

- Paragraphs 93 – 103 of SLCM (No.4) set out the Welsh Government’s position on the proposed amendments to Part 1 of the Bill – the Levelling Up Missions. At paragraph 111 you state your view that the amendments tabled by the UK Government on 4 July 2023 on Part 1 of the Bill improve upon the position set out in the original revised LCM for this Bill, laid on 25 November, to the extent that you now recommend that the Senedd gives consent to the Bill. In that revised LCM it was recommended that consent was not given to Part 1 of the Bill. In paragraphs 97 and 98 of SLCM (No. 4), you detail the concerns that remain in relation to Part 1 of the Bill, and the concerns are also noted in paragraph 111. It would therefore be helpful to have more information on how you consider the position to be improved, and the concerns that

remain in relation to Part 1, especially given that you are now recommending that consent is given.

- It would also be helpful to know why SLCM (No.4) was laid over a month after the amendments were tabled;
- Can you confirm whether any other amendments have been tabled that have removed clauses that previously required Senedd consent; and finally,
- Can you confirm whether the UK Government is of the view that the clauses and schedules as amended or inserted by the amendments set out in SLCM (No.4) require the consent of the Senedd.

I look forward to your response on these points as soon as possible, in advance of the reporting deadline.

Kind regards,



**Paul Davies MS**

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English



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