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Councillor Sonia Williams
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Dear Councillor Williams,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Local Growth Fund (LGF).

You requested clear guidance from Welsh Government on the both the role of Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) in the LGF and the role of local authorities in delivery.

I am discussing the LGF with my Cabinet colleagues with a view to providing this clarity as soon as practical. We will need to balance the need for rapid implementation with the need to be more strategic in delivering against our ambition to halve the productivity gap with the UK. This will mean programmes like the LGF identifying opportunities to support productivity growth in all parts of Wales and better coordination of different regional programmes.

My officials are working closely with Cyngor Gwynedd, as the appointed lead local authority in North Wales for the transition year, and the North Wales CJC, as we refine the governance and delivery arrangements for the Fund. Those discussions include working together to prepare clear guidance to address the issues you raise.

Local insight and delivery will of course continue to play a critical role in the delivery of a range of different investment programmes over the coming years. In time this will also mean working alongside our new National Development Agency.

We aim to publish guidance as soon as practicable, which will need to balance strategic regional coordination with responsiveness to local needs.

I welcome your offer of further engagement and encourage our officials to speak, as well as to continue to engage via the regional accountable body as we refine the governance and delivery arrangements for the LGF.

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I note you will be writing separately to the UK Government about the capital/revenue mix for Wales and I would appreciate if you could share a copy of that letter with my officials. This is an example of why we have a manifesto commitment to seek full devolution of regional development funding from the UK Government, to enable us to better tailor investment programmes for Wales.

Yours sincerely,



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