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Dear Kirsty McNeill

IMPACT OF LOCAL GROWTH FUNDING ON MIDLOTHIAN JOBS

I am writing to request an urgent meeting to discuss the UK Government's New Local Growth Fund. While the commitment to regional growth is welcome, the current funding mechanics present an immediate threat to Midlothian's economic stability.

The primary concern is the "revenue cliff" created by the shift from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Under the previous model, revenue funding - which supports staff and service delivery - accounted for 73% of the allocation. The new model reduces this to just 30%.

Many local employability and business support programmes are now facing a total funding vacuum. The consequences of this will mean that third-sector partners delivering vital "No One Left Behind" services will be forced to issue redundancy notices within weeks.

As Scotland's fastest-growing local authority, we cannot afford to dismantle the support systems that keep our residents in work. Nor does it make sense to build infrastructure with no staff to deliver the services on the ground.

I ask that this meeting be expedited. We need to discuss how the UK Government can provide the flexibility required to protect these jobs before the new financial year. I would welcome the opportunity to brief you on the specific projects currently at risk of closure.

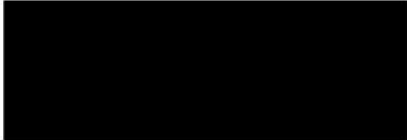
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I look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,



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