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Our Ref: AD/LMcG

18 October 2017

Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP  
Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DP

**Re: City Deal for the Derry/Londonderry City Region of Northern Ireland**

Dear Secretary of State Javid,

I am writing in relation to progressing discussions around a City Deal for the Derry/Londonderry City region of Northern Ireland. I particularly welcome the commitment of the UK Government as part of the recent Confidence and Supply Agreement to working with the Executive and other stakeholders towards a comprehensive and ambitious set of city deals across Northern Ireland to boost investment and help unlock the full potential of Northern Ireland and also towards a limited number of Enterprise Zones.

Whilst this city region faces very particular challenges in relation to economic activity and unemployment, we believe we are in a very strong position to present our case for investment. This follows the publication of our Strategic Inclusive Growth Plan which has defined the outcomes and actions required to transform our City region. The plan has been developed following an extensive co-design process with our citizens and other stakeholders, it has been informed by a robust evidence base and the resultant impacts have been economically modelled and tested.

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We will be in a position to share with you our draft statement of intent in the coming days, following which we would be keen to commence discussions with both the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Northern Ireland Executive. This letter has also been sent to David Sterling, Head of the Civil Service and James Brokenshire, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland with a view to the necessary meetings being arranged.

I am aware from discussions with my counterpart in Belfast City Council that Northern Ireland City Deal proposals may be a significant consideration as part of the upcoming Autumn Statement and we would be very keen that a City Deal proposal for the Derry/Londonderry City Region is referred to and included in the Chancellor's forthcoming Autumn Statement.

I would be grateful if you could advise us by return of any further information that may be required at this stage to facilitate this request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Kelpie', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

**John Kelpie**  
**Chief Executive**