



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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James Brokenshire
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
Stormont House
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Belfast
BT4 3SH

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

Dear Secretary of State Brokenshire,

Further to my previous correspondence of 18th October 2017, and following resolution of our Council on 23rd November 2017, I am writing to invite you to address the Strategic Growth Partnership of the Derry City and Strabane District Council area on the issue of a City Growth Deal.

We are very advanced in our proposals and have developed a draft statement of intent with a very solid evidence base. We will be presenting these proposals to officials from the Northern Ireland Office, the Department for Communities and Local Government, and relevant Northern Ireland Executive Departments on Monday 11th December in Belfast. The proposition we have developed is firmly focused on those investment priorities that our analysis shows will have the greatest impact to unlock our economic potential and deliver significant growth.

Jake Berry MP, Minister for Local Growth, has also written to us indicating his willingness to come to the City to progress discussions and an invitation has been issued accordingly.

It was disappointing to hear the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as part of the recent Budget, announcing Governments intention to open negotiations for a Belfast City Deal but not for a Derry/Londonderry deal, albeit reference was made to Governments commitment to progressing a set of comprehensive City Deals across Northern Ireland.

I would be delighted to welcome you to the City at your earliest convenience and the Council asks that you announce publicly Government's commitment to working with Derry/ Londonderry in parallel with Belfast in the development of a City Growth Deal for this City Region.

Yours sincerely



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