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Your ref: 3529874

8 December 2017

Jake Berry MP, Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth
Department for Communities and Local Government
Fry Building
2 March Street
London
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Re: City Growth Deal for the Derry/ Londonderry City Region of Northern Ireland

Dear Minister Berry,

Thank you for your letter received 21st November in relation to a City Deal for the Derry/Londonderry City Region.

I would be delighted to welcome you to the City at your earliest convenience and feel that a visit would be extremely helpful in order to progress discussions on a City Deal for the Derry/Londonderry City Region.

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 your Department, the Northern Ireland Office 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.

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.

Your letter references a reply from Lord Duncan of the Northern Ireland Office. Whilst we have not received this correspondence, a meeting with the relevant officials has now been arranged.

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I very much look forward to our continued engagement and welcoming you to the City at your earliest opportunity and this 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Kelpie', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop on the left side.

John Kelpie
Chief Executive