

Letter from the Convener to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities of 15 October 2021

Dear Secretary of State

The Finance and Public Administration Committee has recently agreed to undertake scrutiny of the replacement of EU Structural Funds in Scotland. The Committee has agreed therefore to invite you to give evidence to the Committee on these matters.

Of particular interest to the Committee are the UK Government's ambitions for and operation of the Community Renewal Fund and Levelling up fund in Scotland as well as any further progress on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, due to begin in April 2022. Together these new funds represent a potentially significant level of funding to be spent in Scotland which is not allocated as part of the usual Scottish budget process.

I would therefore seek confirmation that you would be available to give evidence to the Committee on Tuesday 16 November. Should this date not prove suitable then the Committee's clerks are happy to liaise with your officials over other more suitable dates.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Finance and Public Administration Committee