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Chief Executive
Susanne Millar

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Dear Susanne,

Thank you for your letter to the Prime Minister regarding the motion approved by Glasgow City Council on 16th May. I am responding on behalf of the UK Government as partnership working with local government in Scotland falls within my Ministerial portfolio.

The UK Government has provided the Scottish Government with a real terms record spending review settlement, and more than £27 billion in additional funding over 2024/25 - 2029/30. This funding should be passed on to properly support local councils in Scotland to deliver and improve local public services and invest in economic growth and regeneration.

In addition to this, the UK Government is also directly supporting the social and economic priorities of the people of Glasgow, including:

- **The Local Growth Fund (LGF):** A £60.9m, 3-year, investment focused on regional infrastructure and economic development.
- **Investment Zone Status:** A long-term £160 million commitment designed to bolster the region's innovation economy, building on existing sectoral strengths in Space, Semiconductors and Maritime. .
- **Local Innovation Partnership Fund:** £50m to support the region's civic institutions, business and universities to drive innovation-led economic growth, mobilise private and public investment, and strengthen local innovation ecosystems.
- **The Glasgow City Region Deal:** Support through a share of the £1.13 billion City Deal.

- **Pride in Place:** Glasgow City is receiving two Pride in Place Programme neighbourhood awards, worth £20 million each. Glasgow City has also received a Pride in Place Impact Fund award worth a further £1.5 million.
- **Commonwealth Games:** The Government has actively supported the proposal to bring the 2026 Commonwealth Games to Glasgow, and is providing up to £2.3 million in contingency towards security costs.
- **National Wealth Fund partnership:** Glasgow has been chosen as one of four areas across the UK with a strategic partnership with the National Wealth Fund which has made its first investment in Scotland, committing £43.5 million in direct equity for packaging company Pulpex.

Together this is bringing more than £870 million of UK Government investment into the region over 10 years from 2025/26. This is on top of the record Barnett funding for the Scottish Government.

The UK Government is getting on with the job and delivering for Scotland. The UK Government's priority is to work in partnership with local authorities and Devolved Governments to deliver economic growth and security. We remain convinced that the people of Scotland are best served by our governments working together to provide high-quality services and economic stability, rather than through the uncertainty of further constitutional division.

We look forward to sincere and meaningful engagement with Glasgow City Council to maximize the impact of these investments and support the city's regeneration and growth.

Yours sincerely,

Yours sincerely,
Kirsty McNeill

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