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**North East
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Date: 19 September 2023

Dear Joanne

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Thank you for your letter dated 11th September 2023.

At our Council meeting held on Monday 31st July 2023 my administration confirmed that we will be honouring the financial commitments made by the previous administration in relation to the delivery of the North East Derbyshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan.

We therefore remain committed to delivering the *Town Centre Improvements: Pride in the Public Realm* priority, where £500,000 has been ringfenced towards the development of the public realm in Dronfield's Civic Centre. Officers are currently in discussions to identify potential delivery options for this priority, and we will ensure that you are made aware of their progress subject to any commercial sensitivities.

Members and Officers are mindful that the funding within this UKSPF Investment Plan needs to be spent by March 2025, working hard to ensure the priorities and contracted outputs and outcomes are delivered as planned.

It must be noted however that should challenges persist which affect the ability of any UKSPF project or priority to be delivered within the required timescales, then NEDDC's Cabinet Members will be responsible for considering alternative solutions which appropriately achieve the delivery of our contracted criteria.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N Barker".

Councillor Nigel Barker
Leader of the Council

