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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Colleagues

The Government announced in the Budget a new network to work with local places to redesign and improve local services. Thank you for your interest in working with it.

I have always been a strong advocate of new and better ways for local public services to work together to deliver for their communities. We know already from the evidence generated by the Community Budget pilots that people on the ground know what is best and how to get better value for money.

After years of top-down targets we have demonstrated that local places can take control and change things for the better. People's lives can be improved at the same time that money is being saved. That is why I am delighted so many places across the country responded with such enthusiasm to Brandon Lewis's call to action on 21 March. We know that strong leadership and collaboration across organisations, engaging local communities and developing robust evidence is essential to success. Only by taking control and working together will you ensure local services meet the needs of people in your area. It will not be easy. I recognise that organisations face increasing pressures and that budgets are tight.

Members of the network will be in touch shortly to discuss the challenges and opportunities that you and your colleagues want to work on. Not everywhere will want or need intensive engagement with central Government. We want to mobilise your passion for change and encourage you to get your partners together and press ahead with your plans. There is no need to wait for central Government. Seize the opportunity.

Yours sincerely