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Dear Rosie,

### **Regional Funding Advice Yorkshire and Humber**

We are pleased to enclose the Regional Funding Advice to Government from Yorkshire and Humber.

The advice presents the Region's indicative short, medium and long term investment priorities across economic development and skills, transport, and housing and regeneration. The Region has taken care to ensure that investments across these strands are, where possible, integrated and aligned behind our ambition of sustainable economic development. Further, by demonstrating our strategic priorities over the next 10 years, we aim to build the Government's understanding of the key challenges the Region faces.

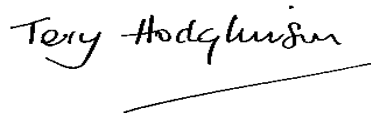
Addressing the challenges posed by the current economic downturn is the key focus of our short term priorities. We have, therefore, taken care to demonstrate how the Region will guide our immediate investments towards activities capable of supporting the economy and the Region's people through these testing times, whilst also making sure that we are positioned to maximise growth opportunities when the upturn begins.

In preparing the advice, we have brought together regional, sub-regional and local partners, reflecting the Region's genuine commitment to work together to deliver our shared goals. The submission has been developed by working through our new 'post-SNR' structures and is, therefore, fully endorsed by the new Joint Regional Board, Yorkshire Forward's Board, the Local Government Yorkshire and Humber Leaders' Board, and the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly (including the Transport and Housing Board). The Sustainable Development Board has also helped to direct our strategic prioritisation and the advice has been subject to sustainability appraisal.

The Region welcomes this opportunity to share with you our strategic investment priorities. However, we believe that there is a need for a more comprehensive approach to regional funding allocations, encompassing all budgets relevant to economic development, including skills and employment and all relevant aspects of transport

spending, and with a clearer link to the implementation of regional goals, via Integrated Regional Strategies.

Yours sincerely

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