

The Rt Hon Simon Hart MP
Secretary of State for Wales
Office of the Secretary of State for Wales

2 February 2021

Dear Secretary of State,

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

I am writing to invite you to attend a virtual meeting of the Senedd's External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee ("the Committee").

The Committee would appreciate an opportunity to discuss your planned deployment of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund ("the UKSPF") in Wales, including the total amount of funding that is to be made available to Wales and the mechanism by which you intend to allocate this funding.

Should you be willing to attend a future meeting of the Committee, I would be grateful if your officials could liaise with the Committee's Clerk to finalise arrangements. The Committee meets on Monday afternoons and has meetings scheduled on 22 February, 1 March and 8 March 2021.

I understand that you have accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the Senedd's Finance Committee in March, a session that might also cover questions about the UKSPF. With this in mind, and as an alternative to appearing before the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee separately, I would be content to liaise with the Chair of the Finance Committee to explore whether a joint session might be possible once a date for the Finance Committee meeting has been confirmed.

I thank you for your consideration of this request and hope that you are able to join us at a future meeting.



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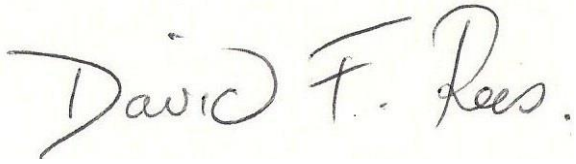
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I have copied this letter to Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

David Rees MS

Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

