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Paul Satoor
Chief Executive
Wirral Council

Dear Paul,

Future High Streets Fund

I would like to thank you and your team for the work done in helping us to agree this project that will be delivered over the coming years, as part of the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF). I am pleased to write to you to confirm the arrangements for the payment of the FHSF by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government ('MHCLG') to Wirral Council ('the Council').

Further to the Secretary of State's letter of 26 December 2020, and our letter of 1 April 2021, confirming that you have been awarded **£3,213,523** for New Ferry, a FHSF grant payment of £503,824 will be made around 8 June 2021. This funding was awarded under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. A copy of the Section 31 Grant Determination for 2021/22 is attached to this letter, which includes the relevant grant conditions. Our expectation is that the Council will use the funds to deliver the projects as set out in the approved business case submitted to MHCLG.

We will look to make payments that correspond to your spend profile. As is the case with all central government funding, the funding for financial year 2022/23 onwards is subject to the outcome of the next Spending Review and assurances on project progress which will be borne out through the formal monitoring process. The allocations for each year, including the indicative allocations for financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24, are set out in the following table:

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total £
			Indicative Only		
Capital £	0	528,824	2,684,698	0,000	3,213,523

We enclose with this letter a Memorandum of Understanding setting out the principles and practices that will apply to the working relationship between MHCLG and the Council. **This will need to be signed by a senior responsible officer on behalf of the Council.**

Councils are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that expenditure is spent in accordance with all applicable legal requirements. This includes, for example, the UK's international and domestic subsidy control commitments from 1 January 2021 (as amended from time to time) and public procurement law (as amended from time to time).

Councils are also reminded of their responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and should have regard to these requirements when apportioning FHSF funding.

Throughout the delivery period we will liaise with you on a regular basis. From time to time this may include visits to and promotion of FHSF projects, in line with the communications and branding guidelines, to demonstrate the difference the project is making to the community. We will also expect 6-monthly reporting to enable us to monitor progress as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding, and in the monitoring & evaluation guidance.

We would like to thank you once again for your assistance and look forward to working with your Council to deliver a transformational Future High Streets Fund investment in New Ferry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Greenwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S' and a distinct flourish at the end.

Steven Greenwood
Deputy Director – Funding Delivery

Enc. Memorandum of Understanding 2021/22, Grant Determination 2021/22.