

The Rt. Hon. Angela Rayner MP
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Dear Secretary of State

ADEPT, ADCS, ADASS and ADPH are membership associations which represent senior leaders across place services, children's services, adult social services and public health. We are writing to you to use our collective voice to call for urgent action on the state of local government funding.

As associations, we support the government's mission-based agenda and recognise the critical role of local government in supporting government to deliver on this. While our members stand ready and willing to support the programme of reform that is required, the hollowing out of local government and public services over the last 14 years must be addressed if we are to lead, manage and shape local places, communities and services to deliver better outcomes. Local government knows its people and places best, and is able to deliver on priorities, but this can't be done without addressing the cliff edge we now face, and really investing in public services going forward.

Ahead of the budget announcement later this month, we would urge government to consider:

- Providing much needed clarity on the future of a wide range of fixed term funding pots, recognising that if removed, much needed services will cease to exist.
- The removal of siloed and short-term funding streams to allow for join up and more strategic planning.
- Introduction of multi-year funding settlements which will allow for financial certainty over the medium term.
- A fundamental review of local government funding.

Each of the associations have made similar representations to their respective ministers and we would be more than happy to meet, either individually or as a collective, to discuss these matters with you in more detail. Our short briefing note is attached.

Yours sincerely



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