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Town Deal Fund – Compliance and Transparency Checks 2025 - Lincoln City Council

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Dear

For the attention of Chief Finance Officer and Pathfinder/Town Deal Managers

As part of the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) Assurance responsibilities, the Assurance Team have conducted their annual checks on Town Deal Boards against the criteria outlined in the:-

- [Towns Fund Prospectus 2019;](#)
- [Towns Fund guidance June 2020 \(Annex D Town Deal Board governance guidance\)](#)
- [Towns Fund guidance Stage 2 December 2020 \(Annex A\);](#)
- [Towns Fund: supplementary guidance for Town Deal Boards October 2022](#)
- [Simplification Pathfinder Pilot - technical guidance July 2023;](#)

The purpose of these checks was to ensure that Town Deal Boards, a meet the required standards of governance, accountability, and transparency, as specified in the Prospectus. In general, the Towns Fund Prospectus and Simplification Pathfinder Pilot technical guidance mandate that Town Deal Boards ensure the operations of the Town Deal Board are transparent, their membership, governance and decision-making arrangements be publicly accessible. The checks involved reviewing this publicly available information for the Town Deal Board.

Our checks revealed that **Lincoln Town Deal** complied with all the requirements as set out in the documents linked above.

As part of the annual assurance cycle the Assurance Team will repeat the checks during the 2025/2026 financial year. You will be asked to confirm continued compliance with the requirements in the future Statement of Grant Usage.

The results of the compliance checks will be used to inform selection for assurance deep dives and may be revisited during completion of those activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assurance Team by emailing localfundingassurance@communities.gov.uk .

Kind Regards

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