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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Colleagues,

I am proud to lead a Government with a clear Plan for Change that will drive growth, puts more money in people's pockets, makes the NHS fit for the future and secures our borders.

However, given the scale of the challenges we inherited, dire public finances and crumbling public services, I know this Government alone cannot deliver the change this country needs. I am therefore proud of the way we have worked in partnership with civil society over the last six months, and everything you have helped us to achieve. Over the Christmas break, I was reviewing the breadth of these contributions and thought I should share some of these with you:

### **July**

- The creation of a new Child Poverty Taskforce supported by a new Child Poverty Unit. Since then over 600 representatives across 60 events have helped us create a better Child Poverty Strategy. Thanks to this, we will publish it this year.

### **August**

- In response to civil disorder, civil society and Government came together to understand exactly what was happening on the ground. In 2025, I want us to continue this work on social cohesion.

### **September**

- We took a new approach to domestic abuse with Raneem's Law, which will be piloted from early 2025, with specialists embedded in 999 control rooms.
- The Coalition to Tackle Knife Crime met for the first time. This year we will keep working in partnership to remove dangerous weapons from our streets, save lives and make Britain a safer place.

### **October**

- Discussions took place to create a new Civil Society Covenant to harness the full potential of this partnership which, after your engagement, will also arrive this Spring.
- We began our 10 Year Health Plan to fix the NHS, with NHS staff, experts and people feeding in their own views. Thanks to this, and Lord Darzi's independent review of NHS England, we will publish the plan this Spring.
- In the Budget, the Chancellor announced a new social impact investment vehicle to tackle complex social challenges, with the development led by the Chief Secretary of the Treasury. More detail on this will follow in late Spring.

## November

- We launched the process for a new, co-produced National Youth Strategy to bring power back to young people and better coordinate the services they need. An initial report will come in Spring and the strategy will follow in Summer 2025.
- We announced a Youth Advisory Board to hear directly from young people who are searching for employment so we can shape the Youth Guarantee for them, and ensure every young person has education or training to help them find a job.
- We also announced £350 million in dormant assets funding to be split between young people, financial inclusion, social investment and community wealth funds, with a new Dormant Assets Strategy to follow.
- We also launched our Integrated National Transport Strategy at Leeds Civic Hall, with over 150 of you in attendance, alongside other people who use public transport. We will continue this work with 10 roadshows around the country in early 2025.
- The Government's British Business Bank created the Community Enable Funding programme to increase finance for social impact, with up to £150 million of lending over the next two years.

## December

- The largest ever cash boost of almost £1 billion to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping was announced, with the Deputy Prime Minister continuing to work closely with our Expert Group from the homelessness and rough sleeping sector and councils.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Civil Society Covenant consultation which closed at the end of 2024. I am greatly encouraged by your responses, and we will work quickly on next steps. Keeping this partnership going is critical to achieving our missions, which you can read more about at: [www.gov.uk/missions](http://www.gov.uk/missions).

Please continue feeding into our plans to build 1.5 million homes and improve early years' education, make the Neighbourhood Police Guarantee a reality, and implement Baroness Louise Casey's independent commission into social care.

I sincerely thank you for all your work so far, and in advance for your continued engagement with my team. There is so much more we can achieve together, and I am very much looking forward to the road ahead.

Wishing you an enjoyable start to 2025.

All best wishes,



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