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Dear stakeholder

**PRE-DISCUSSION – SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March the Executive agreed the establishment of an £80million Social Investment Fund aimed at reducing poverty and unemployment in areas of disadvantage and at risk. The Fund will operate as an integrated government response to enhance economic growth, employability and the sustainability of communities.

This paper describes the high level strategic concept, objectives and overall methodology of the Fund. The issues the fund is designed to address are highly complex and we are at the early stages of establishing the implementation and operational procedures. We intend to commence formal public consultations in May 2011 but would welcome any initial views you may have or if you wish to discuss your ideas with officials please contact the following e-mail address:

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Yours sincerely



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