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Dear Dr Rigg

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the Future of EU Structural Funds in Scotland.

We welcome the proposal that the funds are made available more widely especially targeting regeneration based on The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

The TACA (our CPP) has agreed that regeneration is a strategic priority for our city. We have published a Regeneration Strategy and have now completed masterplans for 6 areas identified for priority treatment. The new programme will give scope to enhance education, training and employment opportunities in these areas to support economic growth in the city and region.

We have developed a robust CP Framework in the city, which brings together partners from public, private, voluntary and community sectors. We also have established a Project Board to specifically drive the regeneration agenda on behalf of TACA.

Our framework can be used to accommodate the proposals for management of EU Funding placing and monitoring funds at the heart of decision making in the City. We welcome the proposal to establish priority 2 – Regeneration. This clearly supports the TACA's vision of a City, which has a fairer distribution of wealth and advantage.

We are currently leading on the development of the NEET strategy and workforce and strategy, bringing together the key organisations, maximising synergies, to tackle employability across the city, focusing on areas of stubborn deprivation where target groups include NEET and those on incapacity benefit,

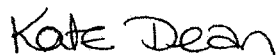
Although the rate of unemployment averages around 1-7% in the City (virtually full employment), rates in the areas prioritised for regeneration are reaching as high as 5%. 26% of adults in the City do not have a formal qualification and in some areas life expectancy is 10 years less than the national average.

Neighbourhood Community Planning has brought partners and local people together to tackle these issues at a local level. In addition local people have decided how to use the Community Regeneration Fund which supports a range of projects and programmes delivered by both Community groups and Public Services.

We have established the ethics of local decision-making and local influence within a framework that recognises the contexts (e.g. the City context/NE national context/National context/European context and global context) in which we have to operate.

In conclusion, we fully support the proposal's for Priority 2 (Community Regeneration) and Priority 1 (Progressing into Employment) and look forward to the EU Structural Fund focus on Community Regeneration based on S I M D which recognises that 1 in 10 live in deprivation in our city today.

Yours Sincerely

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Councillor Kate Dean
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