

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Leisure & Development Committee 16 June 2026

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1.	Northern Ireland Office	Northern Ireland Local Growth Fund 2026-29	26 June 2026
	<p>In the 2025 Spending Review, the UK Government announced a new targeted approach to local growth funding, comprising a set of interventions to drive growth and strengthen communities across the UK.</p> <p>The Local Growth Fund forms part of this approach, with a focus on supporting each nation to deliver long-term investments for sustained economic growth. Through this Fund, the UK Government is investing in transformational programmes and projects that will create lasting jobs and opportunities in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The UK Government is dedicated to working in close partnership with the Northern Ireland Executive to build a modern, dynamic and resilient economy that delivers long-term prosperity for every community.</p> <p>Underpinned by over £129 million in UK Government funding over the next three years, the Local Growth Fund represents a significant pillar of this commitment - providing targeted investment to empower local delivery partners to address specific structural challenges that limit growth but also build on opportunities for development.</p> <p>The Northern Ireland Office and the Northern Ireland Executive departments have identified two core priorities for the Local Growth Fund to target:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing productivity - through business support and promoting innovation, infrastructure investment and skills enhancement. • Promoting active participation in the workforce - through investment in economic inactivity provision, social enterprise support and social inclusion, including working with employers. <p>The consultation on the Local Growth Fund is currently open, closing on the 26th June. This provides an opportunity to submit views on the proposed strategic framework for the Fund to help shape how that investment is targeted to ensure maximum impact. The</p>		

responses will help to develop a new model for local growth funding, focused on targeted, long-term interventions to support sustainable economic growth.

Further detail on the consultation and how to respond can be found at [Northern Ireland Local Growth Fund Consultation - GOV.UK](#)

A response is also being submitted by the Prosperity and Place Team.