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Dear Clive,

**Brexit funding for local areas**

I am writing to inform you and the members of the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee that I have recently written to all local authorities in England and to the chairs of Local Resilience Forums (Forums) about Brexit funding for local areas.

The Government recognises that councils have done a lot of work already to prepare for Brexit, but preparations now need to be ramped up further. To help this work, I announced £20 million of funding on 3 August, to ensure councils can take all reasonable steps to prepare to leave without a deal, if it is not possible to reach one. It is important that local authorities have this funding now to help ensure they are fully prepared to leave the European Union on 31 October.

Today, I can confirm there will be a further £9 million of new funding to support local areas. Of this funding, £5 million will be for local authorities with high impact and strategically important ports in their areas; £2.4 million will be distributed between local authorities outside of Kent and £2.6 million will be distributed to local authorities in Kent in recognition of the additional pressures the county will face as a result of the number of significant ports they hold. This is in addition to the £3.14 million ports funding we provided in February.

The remaining £4 million will be used to support Local Resilience Forums with their core administration costs for preparing, testing, assuring and delivering plans for supporting the delivery of Brexit. A tiered funding allocation system has been used to reflect different predicted impact levels. This process has identified that Kent Forum requires a higher tier of funding due to its ports and risk of disruption.

This funding package forms part of the £2.1 billion announced by the Treasury last month, and brings the total amount allocated by MHCLG to support local areas' Brexit preparations to £77 million. We will continue working closely with councils to ensure that vital public services that communities rely upon are not disrupted and the opportunities that Brexit will offer us can be grasped.

The precise allocations of all funding for local authorities can be found on GOV.UK.

I am copying this letter to Hilary Benn MP, Chair of the Exiting the European Union Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Jenrick". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

**RT HON ROBERT JENRICK MP**