

Appendix A – Government’s Objectives and Missions

Objective one: Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging

- *Living standards* – foster a growing private sector to raise productivity, pay and living standards across the UK.
- *R&D* – boost research and development spending, focusing on areas outside of south-eastern England.
- *Transport infrastructure* – improve transport connectivity outside London.
- *Digital connectivity* – improve connectivity, including by rolling out high-speed gigabit-capable broadband.

Objective two: Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest

- *Education* – Improve literacy and numeracy among primary school children. Create new ‘Education Investment Areas’ (two in South Yorkshire: Doncaster and Rotherham).
- *Skills* – focus on improving skills, including of those in the workforce. Local Skills Improvement Plans to be introduced.
- *Health* – reduce health disparities across UK, with a new white paper to be published in 2022.
- *Wellbeing* – improve wellbeing and the gap across local areas to close.

Objective three: Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost

- *Pride in place* – support regeneration, communities, green spaces, and cultural activities. Create stronger and more cohesive communities.
- *Housing* – increase home ownership and improve housing quality. Policies include reforms of the planning system, the target of building 300,000 new homes per year in England, and a new Levelling Up Home Building Fund.
- *Crime* – create safer neighbourhoods.

Objective four: Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency

- *Local leadership* – a “devolution revolution” across England is proposed. This includes the introduction of ‘County Deals’ and expanding the number of Mayoral Combined Authorities. A new devolution framework will be set out. Local growth funds, such as the Levelling Up Fund and Shared Prosperity Fund, will provide funding to improve local areas.