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*Via email only*

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Dear Cllr McKeown,

**SPRING BUDGET 2024 – LEVELLING UP CULTURE PROJECTS FUNDING**

I am delighted to announce that High Peak Borough Council has been provisionally awarded up to £5 million of capital funding as part of the Spring Budget, to support local culture projects in your area.

This provisional funding recognises the crucial role culture can play in levelling up and supporting pride in place, whilst ensuring that all areas that have been previously prioritised for levelling up investment – of which you are one – have benefitted from government investment through one of our Levelling Up Funds.

We will shortly be inviting High Peak Borough Council to bring forward an investment plan that is focused on supporting cultural activity in your area. As engagement and collaboration with local stakeholders is critical to the success of funding delivery, we will ask you to confirm that you have consulted with key local stakeholders, which must include your local MP (or MPs), before submitting the investment plan. My department will then work closely with you to finalise your plans and reach agreement on them. We will provide further guidance by April.

In the meantime, my officials will be in contact with your officers shortly to discuss the next steps in this process and answer any questions you may have.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the Levelling Up agenda and look forward to working closely with you over the coming months.

Best wishes,

**JACOB YOUNG MP**  
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