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Housing & Communities

# Levelling Up our high streets: Government Update

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# The Budget included a range of announcements to Level Up local areas:

- **Trailblazing devolution deals** in Greater Manchester and West Midlands;
- **Investment Zones** which will drive productivity in 12 areas across the UK, with 4 of these Zones across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland;
- **Levelling Up Partnerships** for 20 areas across England most in need of levelling up, building on the work already delivered in Grimsby, Blyth and Blackpool;
- **Grants for 16 town regeneration projects**, worth a combined £211m;
- **Mayoral Combined Authorities** will receive a total of **£161 million to deliver 32 regeneration projects** in cities across England;
- **Levelling Up projects** which narrowly missed out on funding from the second round of the Levelling Up Fund will receive a total £58m.



# The Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan announced further high street measures including:

- **Up to £2m to support the implementation of High Street Rental Auctions;**
- **Up to £5m to support investment in restoring green spaces and parks;**
- **Up to £2.5 million to pilot High Street Accelerators in up to 10 areas** – to bring together residents, businesses, and community organisations to develop and deliver a long-term vision to tackle the causes of persistent vacancy on the high street;
- **Launch of the Landlord Tenant Act Review**, led by the Law Commissio.



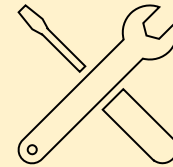
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# We want to support diversification of high streets to create thriving places where people work, live and do business



## Funding for high streets

Including £3.6bn Towns Fund, Future High Streets Fund, £4.8bn Levelling Up Fund, recent Budget & Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan announcements



## Suite of place-making tools

From planning reforms such as use class orders to High Street Rental Auctions



## Partnerships

Encouraging private sector and community engagement via BID's, Community Ownership Fund, High Street Accelerators



## Capability and local leadership

High Street Task Force has provided expert support to over 100 Local Authorities to date



## Upcoming priorities include:

- **Making a success of High Street Rental Auctions**
- **Partnerships**
- **Private sector expertise and leadership**