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Dear Cllr Francis,

Autumn Statement 2023: Levelling Up Capital Projects

As announced by the Chancellor at the Autumn Statement, I am delighted to confirm that the Council of the Isles of Scilly has been provisionally awarded up to £6,000,000 for the Isles of Scilly Museum and Cultural Centre.

We have been able to fund five further bids from those submitted at round two of the Levelling Up Fund, which we were not able to fund in either the second or third round, but were assessed as high-quality and ready-to-deliver. I am pleased to say that this project was one such bid.

I appreciate the hard work that went into the original application, and I am very keen to get delivery and spend underway quickly.

Due to the time that has passed since your application was submitted, we will require a short project validation check to ensure the bid will still benefit from government funding and remains a local priority. We will also ask you to confirm that the bid has not changed significantly, is still deliverable by March 2026, and still represents value for money.

The provisional award of funding is for this specific project so the money cannot be used to activity that is substantially different. However, we recognise that project adjustments may need to be made due to inflationary pressures and we will be asking you more about this, and considering whether any adjustments you wish to make are acceptable. Subject to our acceptance, we will then draw up the necessary documentation and confirm funding. If you received MP priority support for this bid, please engage your MP on this.

My officials will shortly be in contact with your officers 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. Once again, congratulations.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob Young', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JACOB YOUNG MP

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