

# Community Housing Cymru

# Brexit: Regen, Regions and Relationships...

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# Context

- The changing nature of decision making in Wales
- The importance of strong local relationships
- Brexit: Deal or No Deal
- The Internal Market Bill
- Shared Prosperity & “Levelling Up”

# Internal Market Bill

- **What is it?**
  - Mutual Recognition & Non-discrimination
  - State Aid
  - Investment Powers
- **Has anything changed?**
  - Ping Pong
  - Common Frameworks & managed divergence
  - But...

# Internal Market Bill

- **Why does it matter?**
  - Devolution settlement
  - Inter-governmental relations
  - Implications for decision making

# Shared Prosperity Fund

- **Spending Review confirms £220m for 2021 pilots**
  - “Not a penny less” pledge
  - UK Government administration
  - Skills and infrastructure focus?
- **Levelling Up Fund**
  - £4bn, UK-wide fund
  - Infrastructure investment
  - Support of local decision makers key

# Wider Policy Developments

- Competing views of economic development
  - Wellbeing vs. Jobs?
- The changing face of town centres and who makes decisions over their future?
- Role of City & Growth Deals in economic recovery
- PSBs, the Foundational Economy & Municipal bonds

# Influencing Regionally

- Regional relationships and structures likely to become more important
- Local politicians could have greater influence on investment
- Significant tension between central, local and devolved governments
- Potential to drive competition within and between sectors
- Collective positioning will be important on key issues



# Discussion

- What risks and opportunities do new regional relationships present for housing associations?
- Which policy barriers may new regional funding opportunities help us to unlock?
- What support does the sector need to make the case locally and regionally?

# Next Steps

- *Influence with Impact*
- **Senedd Election 2021 – Home Campaign**
- **Post-election discussions**

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