

The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP

Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
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Dear Greg,

On behalf of South East Councils (SEC) we would like to offer warm congratulations on your new role as Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

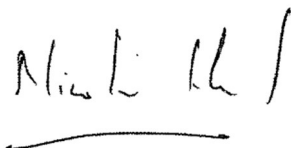
As a Member of Parliament in the South East of England region, we hope you will be familiar with SEC, as a cross-party membership association that works to ensure that the South East is a great place to live, work and do business. With most local authorities as members, we seek to provide a unified democratic voice on South East interests. South East Councils is an associate member of the Local Government Association (LGA).

SEC is also the Secretariat to the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the South East, which is Chaired by Sally-Ann Hart MP. Over the last year, the work of the APPG has focussed on what levelling up should look like in the South East. This week, we were delighted that Sally-Ann Hart MP hosted our Parliamentary Reception where around 70 people including councillors, MPs, and business groups gathered.

We would like to bring to your attention that we recently published biannual polling as part of the Spring 2022 South East 1,000 Monitor. Published twice a year, the monitor provides a timely index of the interests, concerns and expectations of the communities in the South East. It is the largest and most authoritative regular survey of councillor, business and public opinion in the region – a great barometer of regional opinion.

SEC wishes you the best in the weeks and months ahead and we are ready to work with you to make the South East an even better place to live, work and do business – and help to ensure that the Government's levelling up agenda is a success.

Yours sincerely,



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