

## **Levelling up 'left behind' neighbourhoods: A St. George's House Consultation**

### **Reading list**

What are 'left behind' neighbourhoods?

[Left behind? Understanding communities on the edge](#), APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods (2019).

This foundational research published by Local Trust and Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion (OCSI) identifies the 'left behind' neighbourhoods that lack places to meet, good connectivity – both physical and digital – and levels of community engagement.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#), APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods.

Frequently asked questions about 'left behind' neighbourhoods – how they are identified and where they are.

### **APPG publications**

[Policy Short – Levelling up local outcomes](#), Local Trust, OCSI, Reform and the APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods (2023).

This latest report by the APPG explores the importance of community spaces to neighbourhood regeneration and community renewal.

[Overcoming health inequalities in 'left behind' neighbourhoods](#), APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods (2022).

This report by the APPG, in partnership with the NHTA and OCSI explores how poor health impacts on those living in 'left behind' neighbourhoods and provides additional context to the White Paper's Missions 7 and 8.

[Connecting communities: improving transport to get 'left behind' neighbourhoods back on track](#), APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods (2021).

This report by the APPG explores how poor access to transport impacts residents of 'left behind' neighbourhoods and provides additional context to the White Paper's Mission 3 on improving transport infrastructure.

[Levelling up through climate action: A once in a lifetime opportunity to make sure no neighbourhood is 'left behind'](#), APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods (2021).

This report explores how people living in 'left behind' neighbourhoods can contribute to and benefit from a 'just transition' to net zero.

[Communities of trust: why we must invest in the social infrastructure of 'left behind' neighbourhoods](#), APPG for 'left behind' neighbourhoods (2020).

This report explores how the 225 neighbourhoods identified as 'left behind' by OCSI are not only economically deprived, but also lacking in critical social infrastructure. The report calls for long-term, neighbourhood-level investment in these areas to enable sustainable, resident-led change.

### **Levelling up literature**

[Rethinking Levelling Up: Caring for place, empowering connectors, and redesigning our culture of governance](#), IPPR (2022).

This report critically examines our culture of governance and calls for greater community participation in local decision-making, alongside reinvigorated local government to drive the levelling up agenda forward.

[Levelling Up Locally](#), Onward (2023).

This report sets out five priorities for levelling up communities, including tackling antisocial behaviour, rejuvenating high streets and town centres, supporting local sport, culture, heritage and green space, boosting local growth in the private sector and providing community-based support to the most disadvantaged.

### **Putting community leadership in context**

**[The community paradigm: why public services need radical change and how it can be achieved, New Local \(2019\).](#)**

This report explores how prevailing orthodoxies around 'State' and 'Market' paradigms for the delivery of public services have not enabled people to feel like active participants in their communities – and instead calls for a radical shift towards a new 'Community paradigm' – enabling increased civic engagement and greater collective responsibility for improving service delivery and local outcomes.

### **[We're Right Here Campaign](#)**

A national campaign calling for a Community Power Act, which would shift power down to communities. This new piece of legislation would introduce: a community right to buy, a community right to shape public services and a community right to control investment.

**[The halfway point, Reflections on Big Local: Sharing knowledge from the largest single-purpose, Lottery-funded endowment, Local Trust \(2019\).](#)**

This report provides background on the 'Big Local' programme: a radical funding programme enabling long-term, resident-led investment in communities accompanied by capacity-building and flexible support, alongside reflections on the achievements of the programme at its halfway point.