



## Ministerial Responsibilities Relevant to Local Infrastructure – August 2024

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### Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Lisa Nandy – Secretary of State

*MP for Wigan*

The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for strategy and policy across the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Sir Chris Bryant – Minister of State for Creative Industries, Arts and Tourism

- arts and libraries
- creative industries
- museums and cultural property
- cultural diplomacy and soft power
- tourism
- heritage

A joint appointment with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology where responsibilities include digital infrastructure and telecoms, data protection and digital inclusion.

Stephanie Peacock – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Sport, Media, Civil Society and Youth

*MP for Barnsley South*

- sport

- media
- civil society
- youth
- ceremonials
- legislation and corporate
- gambling (in the House of Commons)

### Baroness Twycross of Headington

The Minister for Gambling and Lords Minister is responsible for:

- gambling
- DCMS business in the House of Lords

### Department of Health and Social Care

#### Wes Streeting – Secretary of State

*MP for Ilford North*

The Secretary of State is responsible for the work of the Department of Health and Social Care, including:

- overall financial control and oversight of NHS delivery and performance
- oversight of social care policy.

#### Stephen Kinnock – Minister of State for Care

- adult social care
- hospital and community discharge
- health and social care integration
- dementia
- primary care: general practice, pharmacy, eyecare, dentistry
- community health including neighbourhood health services
- end-of-life and palliative care
- disabilities and SEND

#### Karin Smyth – Minister of State for Health [Secondary Care]

- system oversight including reconfigurations and improvement
- commissioning
- elective care
- NHS workforce
- NHS data and technology
- Medicines
- NHS Finance including procurement and fraud
- urgent and emergency care including A&E, ambulance and NHS 111 services
- sponsoring Minister for: NHS England, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, NHS Property Services, NHS Business Services Authority

Andrew Gwynne – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health and Prevention

- health prevention
- health improvement including health inequalities, child health and family services
- International
- major and long term conditions e.g. cancer prevention and strategy, diabetes
- sponsoring Minister for: UK Health Security Agency and Food Standards Agency

Baroness Merron – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Patient Safety, Women's Health and Mental Health

- patient voice and experience including Healthwatch
- patient safety
- mental health
- research and innovation
- women's health, maternity services, reproductive health
- gender identity
- sponsoring Minister for: Care Quality Commission and others

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Angela Rayner – Secretary of State and Deputy Prime Minister

*MP for Ashton-under-Lyne*

Strategic Oversight of Department's Business and Policy, including:

- Housing and planning
- Local government and English devolution
- Regional and local growth
- Communities and faith
- Democracy and elections
- Public Appointments
- Tackling homelessness and rough sleeping, including:
  - Chair, Inter-Ministerial Group on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping
- Cross-governmental coordination of policy to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping

Matthew Pennycook - Minister of State for Housing and Planning

- Planning reform and the National Planning Policy Framework (including legislation such as the Planning and Infrastructure Bill)
- Housing delivery including large-scale new settlements programme (New Towns)
- Brownfield Infrastructure Land and Housing Infrastructure Funds
- Housing supply strategy, homeownership and homebuying process
- Social Housing and sponsorship of Social Housing Regulator, Affordable Homes Programme
- Leasehold and commonhold reform, Private rented sector

Jim McMahon – Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution

*MP for Oldham West and Royton*

- Strategic oversight of English local and regional government structures
- Local government finance (including local taxation, business rates and local government pensions)
- Local government policy (including the Office for Local Government, stewardship, local audit, and governance reform)
- Mayoral Combined Authorities and pan-regional bodies
- Planning casework

Rushanara Ali – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Building Safety and Homelessness

*MP for Bethnal Green and Stepney*

- Grenfell Community, Tower and Memorial, Grenfell Inquiry
- Building safety, regulations, Building Safety Regulator and remediation
- Homelessness and rough sleeping
- Housing quality
- Supported housing and domestic abuse

Alex Norris – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Minister for Democracy and Local Growth

*MP for Nottingham North and Kimberley*

- Local and regional growth, including Local Growth Plans
- High streets and towns
- Community Ownership (including Assets of Community Value and the Community Ownership Fund)
- Funding delivery and simplification of legacy funding streams (including UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Levelling Up Fund, Levelling Up Partnerships)
- Investment Zones and Freeports
- Elections policy and delivery
- Resilience, recovery, and emergencies

Baroness Taylor of Stevenage – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lords Minister for Housing and Local Government

- Lords spokesperson
- Housing delivery and strategy engagement
- Local Government engagement
- New Homes Ombudsman and redress
- Net Zero and energy efficiency

Lord Khan of Burnley – Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Lords Minister for Faith, Communities and Resettlement

- Resettlement

- Communities and community relations
- Faith
- Lords spokesperson

## Department for Work and Pensions

The Rt Hon Liz Kendall MP – Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

*MP for Leicester West*

The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for the business of the department, including the Departmental Strategy, planning and performance, reporting and governance requirements.

The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP – Minister of State (Minister for Social Security and Disability)

*MP for East Ham*

- disability policy and cross-government responsibility for disabled people, oversight of Disability Unit
- Universal Credit and legacy benefits delivery
- contributory benefits, Personal Independence Payment, Disability Living Allowance and Employment Support Allowance, Carer's Allowance
- uprating and benefit cap

Alison McGovern MP – Minister of State (Minister for Employment)

*MP for Birkenhead*

- labour market - including employer engagement
- addressing inactivity including the Work and Health strategy
- poverty
- Jobcentre Plus
- devolution (devolution local)
- In Work Progression, skills, disability employment, childcare, Access to Work, Youth Offer, Occupational Health and Statutory Sick Pay
- conditionality and sanctions

Baroness Maeve Sherlock OBE – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Lords)

- DWP Lords spokesperson
- departmental oversight including Commercial, Estates and Research, legislation coordination
- disadvantaged groups
- Child Maintenance, Family Test and Reducing Parental Conflict

Andrew Western MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Transformation)

- fraud, error and debt, digital, AI and Service Modernisation
- devolution (national)
- workplace transformation

- customer experience

#### Emma Reynolds MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Pensions)

- private pensions, State Pension, pensioner benefits, Social Fund
- arm's-length bodies: Money and Pensions Service, National Employment Savings Trust, The Pensions Ombudsman, Pension Protection Fund and The Pensions Regulator
- HM Treasury responsibilities

#### Ministry of Justice

##### Lord James Timpson of Minister of State for Prisons

- Prison capacity and related policy
- Prison operations, policy, reform, and industrial relations
- Probation demand, policy and operations, industrial relations, and transparency
- Reducing Reoffending
- Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) schemes, Electronic Monitoring (EM)
- Offender Cohorts, Female Offenders
- Offender health and drugs
- Parole based victim engagement, parole policy

#### Department for Education

##### Rt Hon Baroness Jacqui Smith of Malvern – Minister of State (Minister for Skills)

- Skills England
- technical qualifications, including T Levels, higher technical education (levels 4 and 5)
- adult education, including basic skills and combined authority devolution
- careers advice and support for young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs) (including the [Careers and Enterprise Company](#))
- apprenticeships, including the growth and skills levy
- Technical Excellence Colleges
- local skills improvement plans
- governance, intervention and accountability of further education colleges
- funding for education and training, provision and outcomes for 16- to 19-year-olds
- further education funding, financial stability and workforce
- access to higher education, participation and lifelong learning
- quality of higher education and the student experience (including the [Office for Students](#)), student finance (including the [Student Loans Company](#))

#### Home Office

##### The Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson MP – Minister of State for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention

##### *MP for Hull North and Cottingham*

- policing standards and governance, neighbourhood policing

- fire policy and operations
- public order, major events, and civil contingencies
- criminal justice system
- Young Futures
- Safer Streets

## Department of Transport

### Simon Lightwood MP – Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Transport

- local transport (buses, taxis, private hire vehicles, light rail)
- local transport decarbonisation, local transport accessibility, and cross-cutting transport accessibility
- tackling violence against women and girls on the transport network
- active travel, e-scooters, modal shift
- regions and devolution
- integrated transport strategy

This includes responsibility for Community Transport at a UK level.