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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Review of Statistics for Economic Policymaking - Response from the City of Sunderland**

The recommendations of this very comprehensive review are warmly welcomed. For far too long the business of tackling the very obvious economic underperformance of particular regions and sub-regional areas within the UK has been bedevilled by inadequate, inaccessible, incompatible or even totally non-existent statistics at the appropriate scale.

The publication of the PAT 18 report on Better Information nearly four years ago drew attention to the difficulties of consistently obtaining useful statistics of a primarily social nature at the local scale, and led to the establishment of ONS' Neighbourhood Statistics Service (NeSS). Hopefully, your review will have equally tangible results in the economic arena.

We particularly support Recommendations 6, 9, 17, 22, 23, 24, 36, 39, 40 and 41.

Thanks again for your work in progressing this project.

Yours sincerely

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