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Dear Raj Thandh Ref: FOI2022/01247

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your enquiry of 24 January 2022, which we have considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOI Act).

You asked for the following information:

"Please provide the total amount awarded by the Treasury to the Tees Valley Mayoral Combined Authority in each financial year since 2019.

Please provide the same data for the North of Tyne Combined Authority."

Following a search of our records, we can confirm that HM Treasury does hold information within the scope of your request.

The Treasury has not awarded any grant funding directly to either Tees Valley or to North of Tyne mayoral combined authorities since 2019. Tees Valley has received the following loans from the UK Infrastructure Bank and the Public Works Loans Board:

- £30,000,000 from the Public Works Loans Board on 22/01/2020
- £106,737,359 from the UK Infrastructure Bank on 01/11/2021

North of Tyne has not received any similar loans from the Treasury since it does not have access to the same borrowing powers. Those powers are currently being conferred on North of Tyne through legislation led by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.

For further information on mayoral combined authority funding levels, we recommend that you look at the Annual Devolution Report published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for 2018/19 and 2019/20. In addition, both combined authorities publish an annual statement of accounts, available online, with further information.

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Yours sincerely

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