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Dear Madam, Sir,

The city of Barnsley confirms its commitment to be the Lead Partner in the activities of the URBACT Transfer Network proposal entitled Tech Revolution 2.0. The Good Practice to be adapted and reused in this Transfer Network comprises two main pillars: 1) Enterprising Barsley - an award winning business support programme and 2) the Digital Media Centre (DMC) - a landmark hub for creative and digital business in the town centre, developed over 12 years to grow Barnsley's digital economy and create more higher value jobs in the creative, tech and digital sectors in particular. We want to look collaboratively at new ideas and actions to help support all businesses access digital skills in order to start, grow and compete.

We are convinced that by working through this URBACT network, we will be able to enhance the Good Practice, building on lessons learnt through the re-use. In this context, if the proposal is approved within the framework of the URBACT III Programme, we will ensure the overall coordination of the network, take on roles and implement activities. More especially we commit to organise transnational meetings and to coordinate the production of the network outputs. To this end we also formally commit to engaging the funds needed to co-finance ERDF.

The details of this contribution are outlined within the application.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Sir Stephen Houghton CBE Leader, Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Councillor Tim Cheetham Cabinet Spokesperson, Regeneration and Culture

