

### **'Levelling up' and public services**

The Committee would be interesting in hearing your views on the following:

1. Can you set out the two or three main areas that the 'levelling up' strategy should prioritise?
2. What role should investment in public services, and public services reform, play in the strategy?
3. Should education, justice, wellbeing and health outcomes be used as criteria to measure the progress of the 'levelling-up' strategy in 'left behind' areas?
4. How has your council been consulted on the delivery, design and measurement of the 'levelling up' strategy?
5. Do you think devolution within England is key to 'levelling up' 'left behind' regions and localities, and if so, why?

The latest date for submissions is Friday 26 March. However, as this is short inquiry the Committee would not expect anything longer than a couple of sides of A4.

### **'Child vulnerability' and public services**

The second major inquiry, 'The role of public services in addressing child vulnerability,' will ask whether reforming public services can address the growing problem of child vulnerability.

The Committee is seeking input on the following questions:

- Do vulnerable children, parents, guardians and families receive enough support from early intervention and preventative services?
- How should the Government coordinate public services to support vulnerable children to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- How should the Government work with providers to integrate public services to meet the needs of vulnerable children and families?
- What can the Government and public service providers do to encourage different agencies – for example, the NHS, councils, schools and police – to share data that helps keep vulnerable children safe?
- How could the Government's 'levelling-up' agenda address regional and local disparities in children's education, health and wellbeing outcomes?

The committee will be taking evidence until the end of April.