

# English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill

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## AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

*[Supplementary to the Fourth Marshalled List]*

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Amendment  
No.

After Clause 31

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

**122A★** After Clause 31, insert the following new Clause—

**“Use of adult skills and employment funding**

- (1) Any allocation of funding made to a strategic authority under this Act for the purposes of adult skills, education, or employment support may be used only for activities which—
  - (a) support adult education or skills development, or
  - (b) improve access to employment, progression in work, or participation in the labour market for persons aged 19 and over.
- (2) Allocations of funding under this section must be made on a non-ringfenced basis, and strategic authorities must retain discretion as to the design, commissioning, and delivery of programmes funded under this section.
- (3) Expenditure under subsection (1) may include, but is not limited to—
  - (a) adult education and training provision;
  - (b) skills development, retraining, and upskilling programmes;
  - (c) employment support, careers guidance, and work-readiness initiatives;
  - (d) engagement with employers to support workforce development;
  - (e) outreach activities to increase participation among under-represented groups.
- (4) Funding under this section may not be used for purposes unrelated to adult education or adult employment outcomes, including but not limited to—
  - (a) highways, transport infrastructure, or road maintenance;
  - (b) general capital projects not directly connected to adult skills or employment provision;
  - (c) activities whose primary purpose is economic development unrelated to workforce participation.

- (5) Each strategic authority must publish, at such intervals as the Secretary of State may specify, a statement setting out –
- (a) how funding under this section has been used, and
  - (b) how such expenditure supports adult education or adult employment opportunities in its area.”

### Schedule 11

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

**124A★** Schedule 11, page 173, line 36, at end insert –

“(1C) In securing provision under subsection (1A), a strategic authority may include education or training delivered as part of a structured transitional pathway into employment, including time-limited programmes combining skills development, employability support and work-related activity.”

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

**124B★** Schedule 11, page 173, line 36, at end insert –

“(1C) In securing provision under subsection (1A), a strategic authority must have regard to the desirability of programmes which provide a clear pathway from education or training into sustained employment.”

### Schedule 20

BARONESS FREEMAN OF STEVENTON

**141A★** Schedule 20, page 226, line 12, at end insert –

- “(f) the process for aligning growth measures in the plan with –
- (i) the protection of species listed in schedules 1, 5 and 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981,
  - (ii) nature recovery opportunities, and
  - (iii) other environmental responsibilities.”

#### ***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is designed to give the Secretary of State the opportunity to help local mayoral authorities with published guidance on how to navigate their responsibilities with regard to bird-safe building design and ways to help reverse nature loss within their growth plans.*

**After Clause 56**

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

**196EA★** After Clause 56, insert the following new Clause –**“Devolution of the Youth Guarantee**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for functions relating to the delivery of the Youth Guarantee in England to be exercisable by strategic authorities.
- (2) Functions devolved under subsection (1) may include responsibility for –
  - (a) the planning, commissioning, and coordination of Youth Guarantee provision;
  - (b) engagement with employers, education providers, and training organisations;
  - (c) integration of Youth Guarantee provision with local education, skills, and employment support services;
  - (d) outreach and engagement with eligible young people.
- (3) Any funding provided to strategic authorities for the purposes of the Youth Guarantee –
  - (a) shall be allocated on a non-ringfenced basis, and
  - (b) must be used for the purposes of supporting participation in education, training, apprenticeships, or employment for eligible young people.
- (4) Regulations made under this section must secure that –
  - (a) the Youth Guarantee continues to operate as a national entitlement, and
  - (b) devolved arrangements do not reduce the minimum level of support available to eligible young people.
- (5) A strategic authority exercising functions under this section must publish information, at such intervals as may be prescribed, setting out –
  - (a) how Youth Guarantee funding has been used, and
  - (b) how provision has been tailored to local labour market conditions.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.”

BARONESS STEDMAN-SCOTT

**196EB★** After Clause 56, insert the following new Clause –**“Mayor-led youth employment programmes and pilots**

- (1) The Secretary of State must make provision, by regulations, to enable a strategic authority with a mayor to exercise functions for the purpose of designing, commissioning, and delivering youth employment programmes or pilot schemes.
- (2) Functions conferred under subsection (1) may be exercised only where the mayor of the strategic authority has requested the conferral of such powers.

- (3) Youth employment programmes or pilot schemes under this section may include –
  - (a) employment, training, or apprenticeship opportunities for young people;
  - (b) wage subsidies, supported employment, or work placement schemes;
  - (c) partnerships with employers, education providers, or voluntary organisations;
  - (d) targeted interventions for young people at risk of long-term unemployment or economic inactivity.
- (4) Where functions are exercised under this section, the Secretary of State may provide funding to the strategic authority, which –
  - (a) shall be allocated on a non-ringfenced basis, and
  - (b) must be used for the purposes of youth employment or participation in the labour market.
- (5) Regulations made under this section may provide for –
  - (a) time-limited pilot schemes,
  - (b) evaluation requirements, and
  - (c) the sharing of learning from such programmes across strategic authorities.
- (6) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.”



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