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There is great potential in this investment to deliver and affect positive change for the hyperlocal and community news sector in Wales, and by extension the communities they operate in, and we believe that a contestable funding scheme would be the best way to administer and shape this investment.

Following a detailed consultation with numerous stakeholders in the field of local and hyperlocal news, we have compiled the attached briefing note in which we set out the benefits of a contestable funding model; the areas of need and support it could address; examples of where such a model of funding has been successful, and key considerations should a contestable funding scheme be endorsed.

In addition, the Centre for Community Journalism is well placed to play a role advising funding allocation, should it be required and if helpful, and are happy to be consulted further in this matter.