

Annual Report 2022

STUART ANDERSON MP





INTRODUCTION

- 2022 has been another busy year helping constituents and representing our city in Parliament. I have continued to lead an active outreach and engagement programme, which has made over 82,700 unique connections with constituents in the past year via a variety of channels, including casework. Casework this year has focused on the recovery from COVID-19, assisting constituents with issues such as housing, health, finance, crime, and visa/immigration matters, including passports.
- We have so far raised more than £1 billion in funding for our city since 2019. This year, it has included £21 million for public health priorities and £20 million for a new City Learning Quarter. To ease cost of living pressures, £16 million has been provided to local households through the council tax rebate and the council has been equipped with more than £2 million through the Household Support Fund. In addition, Wolverhampton was made one of the key locations to be prioritised for new funding in arts and culture and we welcomed the cycling time trials to West Park as part of the Commonwealth Games in the Summer.

IN PARLIAMENT

- In Parliament, I have participated in the majority of votes. Until September 2022, I served on the Defence Select Committee. As a veteran, I have been proud to play an influential role in shaping defence policy. I co-authored reports on issues such as expanding opportunities for women in the sector and securing supply chains from hostile state actors.

I was also one of the UK's delegates on the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, which is an important forum in strengthening political will across member states and has played an active role in coordinating our response to Putin's invasion of Ukraine. I have received no extra remuneration from IPSA for these roles.

- In September, I was promoted to Assistant Government Whip. I have played a vital role in organising my party's contribution to parliamentary business, such as our action to tackle energy costs and helping to deliver the manifesto upon which I was elected in 2019.





IN WOLVERHAMPTON

- Significant volumes of casework continue to be driven by external events such as the aftermath of COVID-19 and the impact of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine on energy. My team and I have responded to 20,000 constituent enquiries received via email or letter. This includes casework and correspondence on policy issues.
- I also continue to operate a phone-line for initial contact with constituents. We have obtained a wide range of outcomes in areas like health, housing, education, and immigration.
- I send out a monthly newsletter to more than a thousand recipients, updating them on the work that I am doing on their behalf. I also conduct regular surveys, with hundreds of people taking part in polls on issues such as sports, fireworks, and the city centre. Thousands more people have received my community safety letter, which provides essential information and contact details.

IN WOLVERHAMPTON

- I continue to hold surgery appointments, which are very popular and are often booked up months in advance. In addition, I attend many community events at places of worship and other groups. In the last year, I have also visited many shops and other businesses, schools, charities, and community groups to foster and sustain dialogue with stakeholders.
- An active outreach programme ensures that constituents receive my contact details and other pieces of literature updating them on my work and local achievements. My social media channels are updated daily with updates on my activities in Wolverhampton and to celebrate key achievements for our city.





LOCAL INVESTMENT

- **We have secured more than £1 billion for Wolverhampton South West since 2019. In 2022, key achievements have included:**
- **In January**, it was announced that Wolverhampton will receive a share of the new £1.5 billion Brownfield Fund to breathe new life into disadvantaged communities, with a focus on converting derelict buildings into new homes.
- **In February**, Wolverhampton was made one of the key locations to be prioritised by the Arts Council for new funding improving access to arts/culture.
- **In March**, we announced that Wolverhampton will access £15 million to ensure that households receive a rebate on their council tax payments.
- **In April**, it was revealed Wolverhampton will benefit from a package of support to transform services for parents, carers, babies, and children. The Government is investing £301 million across the country to help local leaders better respond to the needs of families.
- **In May**, further support with the cost of living was announced for families across the city and beyond.

LOCAL INVESTMENT

- **In June**, the Government provided an extra £20 million for the City Learning Quarter. Over a 10-year period, around 45,000 people will benefit from learning there – with many local jobs supported.
- **In July**, Wolverhampton was allocated an extra £365,667 as part of the Safer Streets Fund.
- **In August**, Wolverhampton was listed as one of the neighbourhoods to have access to the £9 million Levelling Up Parks Fund.
- **In September**, we announced that the city and wider region will benefit from more than £1.5 million to tackle rough sleeping and homelessness.
- **In October**, the National Brownfield Institute, which received support from the Getting Building Fund, was opened as a new policy institute that will help to inform and guide brownfield regeneration.
- **In November**, it was revealed the city will be one of 26 areas to benefit from the Supported Housing Improvement Programme, designed to drive up the quality of supported housing in the area.
- **In December**, we announced £2 million for providers of education across Wolverhampton.





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Thank you for reading my annual report.

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