



**STUART ANDERSON MP**

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# INTRODUCTION

- In 2022/23, we have continued to deliver at pace for Wolverhampton South West. We have reached our milestone of more than £2.3 billion secured in funding for the city since 2019. In the last year, funding highlights included multi-million-pound funding packages for social care, public health, and education. My office and I have continued to assist residents with casework issues spanning health, local government including housing, crime and anti-social behaviour, immigration and more.
- Since 2019, great progress has been made on delivering my plan for our community; to create a safer and cleaner Wolverhampton which champions the health and wellbeing of local people, protects our natural environment, and promotes economic opportunities for a better, brighter future for our young people. These firm foundations will ensure that this city can flourish.



# IN WOLVERHAMPTON

- My team and I have continued to retain an active local presence in Wolverhampton, having visited many places of worship, charities, businesses, and community groups over the last year. In Chapel Ash, my constituency office continues to operate a busy advice and support centre which assists residents with local issues and casework matters.
- They also operate a helpline service to initial triage enquiries and signpost residents to relevant services. My surgery appointments continue to be regularly requested. As a result, they are now booked up many months in advance. Since 2019, we have dealt with more than 23,000 cases. This includes casework and policy enquiries as well as campaigns.
- I continue to distribute a monthly electronic newsletter to more than a thousand recipients, updating them on the work that I do on their behalf. I also conduct regular surveys, with hundreds of people taking part in the polls on relevant local topics. Thousands of people have now received my community safety letter with essential information and contact details for the Police and other local agencies. My social media channels are updated daily with important updates on my activities in Wolverhampton and beyond to celebrate key milestones and successes for our city.



# IN PARLIAMENT



- In Parliament, I am proud to have been appointed as Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP. This means that I have now served under three successive Prime Ministers in these pivotal roles, coordinating parliamentary activities. In this role, I share responsibility for helping to organise my party's contribution to parliamentary business as it delivers on the Prime Minister's five promises for the nation.
- I am delighted to continue to serve in the Government, as it delivers on the Prime Minister's pledges and his ambitions to build a better future for Britain. In the last year, significant legislation has been passed. It has included introducing the Lifelong Learning Guarantee; the Illegal Migration Act 2023 to put fairness at the heart of the immigration system; and the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Act 2022, which has helped us to fund cost of living support for families and business. I have also continued to engage with Ministers on a range of matters to champion Wolverhampton's priorities.

# KEY SUCCESSES

## Key successes in our city over the past year include:

- The Better Health: Rewards App was piloted for six months as part of efforts to explore how technology can help people improve their health – backed by investment of £3 million.
- The West Midlands Police has now received 1,376 extra police officers as part of the uplift programme and has become one of four areas to take part in a two-year pilot of Serious Violence Reduction Orders, from April 2023, to take a more proactive approach towards tackling knife crime.
- Wolverhampton Council was allocated an extra £5 million to help households with the cost of essentials, invited to become one of 10 pathfinder local authorities to pilot a simplified approach to local funding, and chosen to pilot a new programme to help families with early intervention.
- Our city has also benefitted from new or increased funding for childcare, social care, school refurbishment projects, digital diversity scholarships at the University, and the 'Know Your Neighbourhood Fund.'



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Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of any assistance to you.

