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To: Leaders and Chief Executives of all UK local authorities

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Dear all,

Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition

I am pleased to have announced that the Government is today launching a civic honours competition to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. I am writing on behalf of Chloe Smith, Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution, in her absence.

This includes competitions for city status and Lord Mayor (or Provost) status. All local authorities across the United Kingdom who believe that their town or city deserves consideration for these rare honours are invited to apply. The city status competition will also be open to eligible applications from the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories. Entry guidelines and an application form have been published on GOV.UK. The closing date is 8 December 2021.

These honours are rare marks of distinction and the number of awards will depend on the strength of the applications received. I would warmly welcome applications from all across the United Kingdom if you wish to enter.

Her Majesty The Queen will be the first British monarch to have reached 70 years on the throne. This is a truly historic moment for the country and it is right that we celebrate it.

Yours sincerely,

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