

Sent: 17 May 2021 11:17
To: Correspondence Mail - JH
Subject: UBI Pilot Scheme

Dear Minister,

I was delighted to hear the First Minister's announcement regarding a Universal Basic Income pilot scheme.

UBI is something I've campaigned for, for many years, so the fact that the Welsh Government is even considering a pilot program is huge.

With that in mind, I'd like to ask that the County of Torfaen be strongly considered for the rollout of the pilot scheme. I feel that Torfaen would be a logical place to start both because of its relatively small size (both in terms of geographic and population size), but also because of its socioeconomic makeup. With large parts of the county suffering from high incidences of deprivation, but also a number of areas with below average levels of deprivation, Torfaen offers possibly the broadest view of the potential benefits of a universal basic income across a broad range of the population. In short, the ideal test case.

Lastly, I also feel that it is worth mentioning that Torfaen was the first county to endure the switchover to Universal Credit, and as such would likely benefit from any additional help that can be given.

Kind Regards
Chairman, Cwmbran Community Council