

The Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Department for Digital, Culture Media & Sport 100 Parliament Street London SW1A 2BQ

Our Ref: ALMG 25th February 2022

Dear Secretary of State,

Re: Stirling City of Culture Bid

I am writing to endorse and ask you to short list Stirling as the City of Culture 2025.

Over recent months it has been an absolute pleasure to see the passion for culture that flows through the Stirling region. It has been fantastic to see support from across the community come together to back the bid to become UK City of Culture 2025.

Businesses, creatives and organisations have shown their excitement about the vibrant cultural offering of Stirling. At the centre of the bid is the idea of breaking down barriers and improving access to arts and cultural activities and experiences to all in the community. I hope that Stirling wins this bid to help support and invest in an inclusive and dynamic cultural centre at the heart of Scotland.

Kind regards

Alyn Smith MP