

Shared Prosperity Fund (Wales) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Report on devolution of Shared Prosperity Fund to Wales

- (1) The Secretary of State must undertake a review of the merits of devolving management and administration of the money allocated to Wales via the Shared Prosperity Fund to the Welsh Government.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must consider whether such devolution would result in greater policy coherence by aligning the fund with existing Welsh Government competencies and responsibilities, including—
 - (a) overall economic development,
 - (b) the Welsh Government's climate targets,
 - (c) the power of consent on energy projects with capacity of up to 350 megawatts or less, and
 - (d) devolved transport infrastructure.
- (3) In undertaking the review, the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the Welsh Ministers,
 - (b) local authorities in Wales, and
 - (c) charities and civil society organisations in Wales.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay a report of this review before Parliament before the end of the period of 180 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (5) The Secretary of State must make an oral statement to the House of Commons when any report under this Act is laid.

2 Commencement and short title

- (1) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

- (2) This Act may be cited as the Shared Prosperity Fund (Wales) Act 2022.

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