**Essential Update May 2019 – European elections, Purdah and funding extensions**

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Following confirmation of an extension to the process of exiting the European Union to the 31 October 2019, the country is preparing for European Elections and we are now in the pre-election purdah period.

During this pre-election period we must adhere to impartiality, which place restrictions on political engagement and promotional activities. As such, we request that all Building Better Opportunities grant holders who recently received a funding extension for their project, **refrain from making any further public announcements about the funding extension** until after the purdah period which runs until after the polls have closed on Thursday, 23 May 2019.

It is worth noting that this advice relates specifically to communications around funding extension, and has no impact on day to day project delivery and other planned events. However, should you have any concerns, please contact Simon Eleftheropoulos-Weatherburn on 0191 376 1680 or by email at simon.eleftheropoulos-weatherburn@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk.