**Essential Update November 2019 –General election, Purdah and funding extensions**

**General election and Purdah**

**Following the House of Commons’ vote in favour of an early UK Parliamentary general election on 12th December,** 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 received a funding extension for their project, **refrain from making any public announcements about the funding extension** until after the purdah period which runs until after the polls have closed on Thursday, 12th December 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 (including procurement) 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.