Dear colleagues

The premise behind this proposal to the Breakthrough Fund is that it spans central and local government and as such we request that it is considered by both LGA panel and Data Strategy Board panels.

The work proposed here builds on LeGSB’s track record of developing and deploying enabling information standards including work for the Cabinet Office and Department of Communities and Local Government, which includes the HM Government paper entitled “A concept model for the UK public sector”.

Its purpose is to develop the information standards and enabling ecosystem required for open data from central and local sources to be efficacious. The project will develop and prove a core set of simple, re-usable patterns and standards for publishing related local datasets, such that they can subsequently be combined and aggregated and disaggregated to and from a national level, thereby generating significant social and economic value.

Data sets from both central and local sources require this enabling ecosystem to provide context, linkages and relevance.

Funding this work from across both central and local panels is synonymous with the cross sectoral nature of this challenge hence it is requested that this proposal be viewed in this light by both panels.

If you have any further information requests please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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