

Prime Minister and Heads of Devolved Governments Council Communiqué

10 November 2022

The inaugural Prime Minister and Heads of Devolved Governments Council met in person on 10 November 2022 in Blackpool.

From the UK Government: The Prime Minister for UK Government (Chair) - Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer - Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations - Rt Hon Michael Gove MP.

From the Scottish Government: First Minister for Scotland - Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP.

From the Welsh Government: First Minister for Wales - Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP and the Rt Hon First Minister of Wales Mark Drakeford MS joined virtually. In the current absence of a First and deputy First Minister of the Northern Ireland Executive, officials from the Northern Ireland Civil Service attended the meeting in an observational capacity.

The Council discussed the economic outlook, and how the governments should work together to address the cost of living, the impact of rising inflation, and the shared challenges in supporting the NHS.