**Access – the Foundation for Social Investment (Access) - Call for Evidence for an Independent Quadrennial Review commissioned by the Oversight Trust.**

**The Oversight Trust has set up a panel to carry out the second independent review of Access. We are inviting stakeholders who are interested in contributing to get in touch with the panel and share their views.**

**Background**

[The Oversight Trust](https://www.oversighttrust.org/) is responsible for overseeing the companies that have received funding under the English allocation of Dormant Asset monies including: Better Society Capital (BSC), Access – the Foundation for Social Investment, Fair4All Finance and Youth Futures Foundation. Each year we commission a review and report on one of the four Operating Companies (in turn) with a view to assessing how effective they are in achieving the mission they were set up to deliver.

This year we are launching the second Quadrennial Review of Access, and we want to hear what you think. (The first Quadrennial Review of Access, done in 2021, can be found here: **[link to Access Quad Review on OT website]**.

**Reviewers**

The Panel set up to perform the review comprises:

* Keith Leslie
* Magdalene Bayim-Adomako
* Lucy Findlay

The Secretariat for the Review will be provided by Fiona Young Priest.

**The Review Process**

Over the coming weeks the Review Panel will look at Access’ key achievements and consider strategic issues where it believes further attention may be required for sustained success.

The Review Panel will approach many stakeholders directly, and all interested parties are invited to respond by providing input to the process in writing. Responses received and any subsequent interviews with participants will be treated in confidence and not shared with Access.

The Panel would be interested in hearing your experience of working with the organisation and/or your views on how successful Access has been in addressing some of the key areas that it has identified in its stated mission.

**Access’ Mission and Vision**

Access helps charities and social enterprises become financially sustainable and reach more people. It does this by supporting a range of tools – from grants to investments – to help charities and social enterprises grow their trading income, strengthen their resilience, and access social investment that works for them.

Charities and social enterprises play a unique role in our communities, tackling deep-rooted challenges and creating lasting social change. They create jobs, strengthen communities, and contribute to economic growth —but they need the right finance to succeed.

Too often, they struggle to access the finance and support they need to grow their impact.

Access believes that social investment should work for the organisations and people that need it most. That means finance that is patient, flexible, and designed around the realities of delivering social impact.

It focuses on:

* Underserved places and communities – ensuring investment reaches those who need it most.
* Innovative financial tools – from Blended Finance to Enterprise Grants it explores tools to build resilience and sustainability.
* Systems change – By connecting, convening, and collaborating, it is reshaping the system to work better for charities, social enterprises, and the communities they serve.

Access’ Vision

Access wants to see an investment eco-system that works, particularly for those in need of patient and flexible investment, helping to create stronger communities, especially in underserved places.

**Call for Evidence**

***Please send your response or request for further information to:*** [***quadrennialreview@oversighttrust.org***](mailto:quadrennialreview@oversighttrust.org) ***by 31 October 2025.***