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SECOND REPORT OF THE LIVERPOOL COMMISSIONERS

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your recent letter of 20 April. I am content with your proposal to delay your second report to 10 June 2022, in line with paragraph 28 of the Explanatory Memorandum to the Directions. It is crucial that you are able to fully assess Liverpool City Council's ability to rise to the transformation and delivery challenges that they face. Furthermore, I agree that the one year anniversary of the intervention is a timely point to review their progress in the round. To ensure transparency, I will place copies of both your letter and this response in the House Library as well as publish them on gov.uk.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and the Commissioner team for meeting with Minister Badenoch on 30 March. Minister Badenoch and I continue to appreciate the challenges you face in turning around Liverpool City Council and welcome your ongoing candour and professionalism.

If there is anything further that I can do to continue to support you in your work, please do not hesitate to contact my officials.

With every good wish,

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP

**Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
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