



Department for  
Communities and  
Local Government

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By email

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## LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS: INSPECTION

By letter of 4 April 2014, you were informed that the Secretary of State appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as the person to carry out an inspection of the compliance of the authority known as the London Borough of Tower Hamlets with the requirements of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1999 in relation to the authority's functions in respect of governance. By that letter PwC were also directed to report the findings of the inspection to the Secretary of State by 30 June 2014 or such later date as the inspector may agree with the Secretary of State.

I am now writing to you, having regard to the information you have provided about the progress of the inspection, particularly in your letter to me of 27 June 2014, to agree that the date by which you are to report the findings of the inspection to the Secretary of State is to be a date later than 30 June 2014 which we will agree with you as set out below. We are agreeing to this later date recognising the circumstances you have encountered in the authority, which have resulted, and continue to result, in information material to your inspection being made available to you only after delay, or not at all to date. This has necessarily affected the overall progress of the inspection, including the timing of the interviews which you judge are needed with a number of persons.

Given these circumstances, we intend to assess with you towards the end of the week beginning 7 July the progress you have made with the inspection from the date of this letter, particularly in relation to outstanding requests for information and hence to your progress with the programme of interviews which will be central to the final conclusions you draw in your report. On the basis of this assessment and our judgement about the future likely circumstances at Tower Hamlets, we will seek by mid-July to agree with you the date by which we can reasonably expect you to report your findings to the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely

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