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Fourth Update of the Best Value Improvement Plan: 2017 - 18

I am writing in response to the letter from the Mayor of Tower Hamlets to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government dated 30 March 2018 concerning the fourth quarterly Best Value Improvement Plan 2017-18.

It is encouraging to note how the Council has progressed during the last year. We welcome your continuing focus on all aspects of the Best Value Improvement Plan and commitment to delivering continuous and sustained improvements. I agree with the importance of meeting the four key test areas mentioned in the Mayor's letter by this Summer - growing stability and elections with integrity, continued improvement, to bring mature governance and to plan effectively for the future. We would encourage that you keep up the momentum on bringing positive change at Tower Hamlets and that you work with the support of external partners to meet the challenges in the year ahead of delivering good governance.

I look forward to receiving the next letter from the Mayor, with his feedback from the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge taking place in June 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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