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Dear

Thank you for your fourth report addressed to the Secretary of State and setting out the progress made at Northamptonshire County Council. The Secretary of State has asked me to reply as the Minister of State for Local Government. Firstly, I apologise for the delay in responding. You will both understand that the period of sensitivity associated with the General Election meant that I was not in a position to reply sooner.

Following your last report, I wrote to you recognising the challenges you face in supporting the Council to deliver a sustainable platform for the shadow authorities to come into existence in May this year. Your most recent report makes it clear that you have continued to strengthen governance and steer the council to maintain robust control of finances.

I recognise that it would be sensible for you both to extend the number of days assigned to the Council beyond the original 100 days by up to 35 days. You will receive notification of this in due course.

If you would like a meeting with me to discuss your work in more detail, please do reach out to my office. They are contactable via email on PSLukeHall@communities.gov.uk and via telephone at 0303 444 3460.

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