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Dear Tony,

Report from Northamptonshire County Council Commissioners

Thank you for letter of 13 September, giving me your first report as Commissioners leading the intervention in Northamptonshire County Council.

Clearly, the situation in Northamptonshire is very serious: I am grateful for your work in uncovering the true financial position, and the robust steps you have taken to improve financial management and governance. Since your report, I am aware that the Council has taken the positive step of agreeing the Stabilisation Plan for 2018-19.

I also note that you have made significant progress with statutory appointments, having recruited a new Chief Executive and Finance Director, and having taken steps to re-build the Council's corporate centre and engaged widely with partners.

Clearly, your work with the Council to prepare the 2019-20 budget will be an important focus over the coming months. I look forward to hearing the progress on this, as well as on scrutiny and complaints processes, in your next report. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or my officials if we can be any help.

Yours sincerely,

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