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Dear Secretary of State,

We last wrote to you reporting on the progress of the intervention in Liverpool City Council (LCC) in October 2021. We have committed to writing to you every six months. The next report is due this month, April 2022. I am writing to inform you of our decision to delay the second report by two months. Instead, we will write to you on **10 June 2022**, one year on from the beginning of the intervention. This would result in the submission of two reports within a 12-month period.

We are at a pivotal point in the intervention. The last six months have primarily been defined by discovery. Review work has been conducted and significant challenges have been identified. The scale of the improvement challenge and the risks to effective transformation are becoming clearer as more review work is undertaken. With support, the council has developed plans to address some of these challenges. However, the delivery of these plans is at risk. As well as prioritisation, we need to see more urgency from the council on the key elements of the transformation. Over the next two months we expect to be in a better position to judge the efficacy of these plans, and therefore be able to provide a more holistic view of the council's improvement journey.

We hope you agree with the above approach and are grateful for your patience in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Cunningham
Lead Commissioner, Liverpool City Council