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25 January 2023

Dear Amyas,

OFFER OF APPOINTMENT: INTERIM CHAIR OF THE OFFICE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

I am delighted to confirm your appointment as Interim Chair of the Office for Local Government. The Levelling Up White Paper announced the establishment of a new local government data body. It is important that devolution is accompanied by enhanced accountability. You will therefore play a leading role in the establishment of the Office for Local Government (Oflog) which will have the primary purpose of providing a transparent and authoritative source of information about the performance of local government. This in turn will support local leaders with decision-making and improvement; allow central government to maintain standards for good governance; and help communities to better understand what is happening in their area.

As Interim Chair of Oflog, you will hold the following key areas of responsibility:

1. Provide independent support, advice and challenge on the strategic development of Oflog.
2. Consider how Oflog can deliver on its overarching objectives and how it can best independently operate as a local government performance body that serves local government, citizens and central government.
3. Provide visible, public facing leadership to the new organisation and lead a comprehensive programme of engagement with the sector to promote the work of Oflog and understand the perspectives of its service users.

In exercising your duties, any advice you provide will be communicated through the established governance and reporting mechanisms of the new organisation and/or Department as required. You will exercise your duties at all times in accordance with the Nolan Report Recommendations, 'The Seven Principles of Public Life'.

Your appointment will be for a period of 18 months commencing on 25 January 2023 and ending on 25 July 2024, unless terminated before that date.

I enclose the terms of your appointment. I would be grateful if you could sign (e-signature is sufficient) and return to Radhika Sriskandarajah, Deputy Director for Local Government Performance at publicappointments@levellingup.gov.uk. If you have any questions or concerns, please also contact the Local Government Policy Team.

Your appointment is made on the basis that you have no conflicts of interest in taking up this role. Should any potential conflict of interest arise in future, you must notify DLUHC in writing and be prepared to step aside from decisions on which you are conflicted.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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