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Dear Brian,

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON: INTERVENTION

I am writing to thank you for agreeing to act as the Finance Panel Member on the London Borough of Croydon Improvement and Assurance Panel. This letter formally confirms your appointment by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to the Panel.

The London Borough of Croydon Improvement and Assurance Panel was appointed by the then Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 18 January 2021 following the non-statutory review of the Council conducted in November 2020.

The purpose of the Panel as agreed then was:

- to provide external advice, challenge and expertise to the London Borough of Croydon in developing and implementing their Improvement Plan; and
- to provide assurance to the Secretary of State of the London Borough of Croydon's progress in delivering this Plan.

The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has today issued statutory Directions, under section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1999, moving the London Borough of Croydon Improvement and Assurance Panel to a statutory footing.

You will be paid a fee for your work and will also be entitled to reasonable expenses. Under the terms of the Directions, it is the Authority's responsibility to meet these costs and the Secretary of State has set these fees for you at £800 per day.

We will reflect and revise the Panel's Terms of Reference in light of this move and the new challenges facing the Council. The Secretary of State will need regular assurance that the Council is working at pace to deliver the scale of change that is needed. It has been agreed that the Panel will provide regular reports to the Secretary of State until 20 July 2025 when we hope that the work of the Panel can come to a conclusion.

I would be grateful if you could review, sign and return the accompanying Terms of Engagement for Appointment to the department at interventions@levellingup.gov.uk to

formally accept your appointment. If you have any questions, please do get in touch at any time.

I am copying this letter to the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Croydon.

Yours sincerely,

Max Soule

Deputy Director, Local Government Stewardship