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Dear Doug,

Thank you for your email of 3 March. I warmly appreciate the constructive suggestions that you have set out in this correspondence, which in turn build upon the valuable insights you provided during the course of the consultation roundtable event on 12 February.

I am personally grateful to you and the Committee on Standards in Public Life for taking such a keen interest in the recently closed consultation, and for taking the time to convene a gathering of sector experts to help to inform your own response.

The comments in your letter which support your consultation response have been well noted, and are being given close consideration by the policy officials who are overseeing the process related to strengthening the local government standards framework as they continue to develop proposals for meaningful policy change and potential legislative reform.

As you will appreciate, we received a very large number of responses to the consultation, and my team is now hard at work analysing those responses so that we are taking full account of sector views in relation to all of the measures proposed. I look forward to engaging with you further as this work progresses.

Thank you again for writing to me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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