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By email

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Dear Tony, Margaret, and Sharon,

I am writing to thank you for your second report of March 2025, which we are publishing today together with this response.

I welcome the positive progress you highlight in Nottingham's improvement to date. It is clear that the Council recognises the scale of the challenges it faces, and I am pleased to hear your assessment that the Council has made good progress in planning, including the development of the Council Plan, Medium Term Financial Plan and Improvement Plan. The full range of reforms the Council has set out must now be embedded at pace and depth to achieve lasting impact.

As you note, significant challenges remain, including the Council's continued reliance on Exceptional Financial Support, gaps in internal audit and risk management, and the weaknesses identified through the IT systems review. Past challenges in delivering savings and change reinforce the importance of robust implementation, strengthened internal controls, and sustained leadership focus. Delivering transformation at pace — alongside working collaboratively to develop proposals for Local Government Reorganisation — will be essential to achieving long-term stability and improvement.

The months ahead will be critical. I am content for you to provide an update letter to the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution and me by 29 August 2025, assessing the Council's progress in implementing the abovementioned plans and your views on their preparedness for the end of the statutory intervention. With the intervention due to conclude on 22 February 2026, and Nottingham set to submit their final Local Government Reorganisation proposal on 28 November of this year, we look forward to then receiving a more comprehensive report over the winter. This will inform our view on the future of the intervention at Nottingham.

Yours sincerely,

Baroness Taylor of Stevenage

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