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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to inform you that I have today published your sixth report, together with this letter to you. I thank all Commissioners for their continued hard work and dedication to Woking Borough Council and its improvement journey.

I welcome your assessment that the Council remains committed to delivering its Improvement and Recovery Plan and that progress continues to be made across governance, finance, and transformation. I am particularly encouraged by the Council's substantial progress in its governance and I am assured that a robust approach to risk is now in place. I share your concerns about the continued significant challenges faced by the Council as it recovers from past failure.

I support your continued focus on ensuring that the Council has the capability and capacity it needs to deliver the necessary changes at pace, particularly as the Council prepares for reorganisation. I am grateful for your focus on readying the Council for transition, and your collaborative work so far with local partners to ensure an effective handover. Transition readiness is of the utmost importance for the final year of intervention.

I am grateful for your engagement with my officials on the development of plans for this transitional period ahead of reorganisation, and I will write again on my expectations on this later in the spring.

I am grateful for your continued dedication to supporting Woking Borough Council in its improvement journey.

Yours Sincerely,

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