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Thanks. I think that does cover it, unless colleagues have anything to add.

I assume that these tables come from the draft of the next LGBF Report, which I gather is to be published soon. I understand that the information that is used for that Report will be subject to subsequent revision and so the final LGBF data underpinning some of the tables in your report may vary from that used to produce those tables. (I hope that makes sense!)

I understand that the LGBF Report itself will not be amended to reflect any such changes, and that in any case any changes to the data would be unlikely to affect the key messages conveyed by each table. So it doesn't seem like this is a big issue. However it may be worth describing the tables in your report as being based on the LGBF Report 2016/17 just in case.

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Hi [REDACTED]

Yes all the performance exhibits in section 3 (exhibits 8,9 and 10) come from the LGBF, I have noticed that exhibit 10 was not attributed to it so I will change that now. In terms of the data that we mention in the text throughout that section we have drawn on a number of sources, we have tried to be clear where it has come from, and one of my tasks for today has been to go through and add sources where they were missing. So that should be clearer in the final report.

Hope that answers your question. Please let me know if there is anything else.

Kind Regards

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A quick question – colleagues and I are still looking at the draft, but we've noted that while some of the service performance tables in Part 3 are explicitly described as coming from the Local Government Benchmarking Framework others have no attribution. Do they all come from the LGBF? If so it would seem sensible to say that in each of those exhibits.

Kind regards,

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Dear All,

Please find attached a draft of our Local Government Overview – Performances and Challenges report for your review. You will notice comments where we are still working to confirm figures and develop exhibits and the report is still going through our internal review processes, so remains a work in progress. As before we ask you to keep the draft confidential.

We are interested in your views on the general tone and content of the report - we are still considering the balance between past performance and future outlook. We are also interested in your comments on exhibit 2 - is there anything we are missing?

We look forward to receiving your comments by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, please let me know if you would like to discuss them, we are happy to arrange a meeting or phonecall to do so.

Kind Regards

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Dear All

We appreciated your contributions as part of our Local Government Overview advisory groups in the Autumn and are hoping you would be able to comment on the draft report for the second part of our Local Government Overview – the performance and challenges report.

We plan to get a copy of the draft report to you at some point next week, the 26<sup>th</sup> January at the latest, and would be looking to receive comments back from you by the 1<sup>st</sup> February. I appreciate the timescales are tight, they are required to meet our internal deadlines for providing papers to the Accounts Commission. We will present our report to them on the 8<sup>th</sup> March and will publish at the start of April. We therefore ask you to keep the draft report confidential.

Please let me know if you would be able to review the draft and if you would like a meeting to discuss your comments.

Kind Regards

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