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To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Local Government Overview - draft report

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks again for this.

On Exhibit 2 – if the list of funding streams on the right is supposed to reflect specific grants then both the Teachers Induction Scheme and Maintaining Teacher Numbers should be excluded as they are not specific grants.

On the revenue funding reduction figure, we confirm that the calculation of the 11.3% was a reasonable one and the police and fire transfers have been taken into account. However, the 2018-19 revenue settlement is now £170m more than it was at the time the report was prepared as a result of Stage 1 of the Budget Bill so the 11.3% will now be much lower. We suggest that [REDACTED] rework his spreadsheet with the revised figures, we would then be happy to check the revised version.

My understanding had been that the figures in the report would be for the period to 2017-2018, not 2018-19. As per my comment on page 10 of the draft report, the text of the report should make clear what period is being used.

Kind regards,

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments on the LGO draft report, they were helpful. I have amended the exhibit 2 would you mind having another look and letting me know if it is logical and if there is anything missing?

I have spoken to [REDACTED] about how he got the 11.3% reduction in revenue funding.

- This is from 2010/11 to 2018/19 in 2018/19 prices
- Police and fire have been adjusted out.

I've attached his spreadsheet with the working, the 11.3% figure is in the Aggregate settlement analysis cell X63.

If anything doesn't make sense or you would like to discuss it I am in the office the rest of today and all of tomorrow but off on Friday.

Thank you again for your help

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Subject: RE: Local Government Overview - draft report

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With thanks to colleagues for their comments I attach the draft report showing our comments, let me know if you have any questions etc. Sorry this is a bit later than I'd hoped.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 January 2018 14:52
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Local Government Overview - draft report

Hi [REDACTED]

I now have to be in the Parliament tomorrow afternoon, so I may not be able to get our comments to you until Friday morning (although I'll still try to get them to you tomorrow). I hope that's OK..

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Subject: Local Government Overview - draft report

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 1st 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 26th January at the latest, and would be looking to receive comments back from you by the 1st 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 8th 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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