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By email

Dear Gary

I would like to thank you, Mark and the Accountable Body for participating in the Worcestershire LEP Annual Performance Review this year. With the publication of *Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships*, it has been a year of significant change and I am grateful for your continued cooperation including our ongoing need to resolve the overlap issues. Your participation in the LEP Network Working Groups has helped greatly in shaping this year's assurance processes, culminating in the publication of the revised National Local Growth Assurance Framework.

As with last year, I am writing to communicate formally the outcomes of the 2018-19 Annual Performance Review, and to set out the actions that are required. The agreed note of the Annual Performance Review is attached. Alongside the Section 151 Officer letters to the Accounting Officer, the outcomes of the Annual Performance Reviews will be used to inform recommendations for funding for the 2019-20 financial year.

Performance Review

As set out in the 2018-19 Annual Performance Review Guidance, following the Annual Performance Review meeting, officials in the Cities and Local Growth Unit undertook a review to look at the performance of each LEP across the three themes: governance, delivery and strategy. Following feedback and wider discussion, it was decided not to award an overall marking for this year as initially indicated. It was felt that this was a fairer representation allowing the LEP to focus on each individual theme.

The review also sought to highlight any areas where there may be need for further development or where there is good practice to be shared. This involved reviewing the information provided for the Annual Performance Review meeting along with other sources including Spot Checks on compliance with the National Assurance Framework, Growth Deal data submissions and LEP governance processes and policies.