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Dear Roger,

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I am delighted to see how you have positively addressed the recommendations from the LEP review. Thank you in particular for providing your geography proposal on 28 September and for submitting your implementation plans on 31 October.

LEPs will play a leading role in developing Local Industrial Strategies and delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. As announced in the *Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships* publication, we are making up to £200,000 available in 2018-19 to each LEP to fund a timely and effective implementation of the LEP review, and the development of an evidence base for Local Industrial Strategies. We will be confirming your allocation shortly.

We are continuing to work with those LEPs that have not responded to the recommendations in full. Where overlaps are unresolved, LEPs will not benefit from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Whilst I recognise the good progress you have already made through your implementation plans, you should keep working to ensure that all of the recommendations are delivered in full. My officials from the Cities and Local Growth Unit will support you with this.

To confirm our expectations moving forward, this year's performance reviews are based on the existing assurance framework that was published in 2016; with additional requirements following the Mary Ney review. I intend to publish a revised National Assurance Framework in December that reflects the changes outlined in the review and LEPs will therefore need to have fully implemented these changes by April if they are to be compliant and able to receive funding in the 2019/20 financial year.

I am looking forward to 2019 and the opportunities to extend all our efforts to drive local growth across the country.

RT HON JAMES BROKENSHERE MP