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Dear Mr. Crisford

I am grateful for the update on Birmingham City Council's progress which you and your colleagues on the Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel gave me when we met recently following your letter of 20 July.

I found our discussion very helpful and I am writing now simply to emphasise, as we all agreed, the importance of securing a fundamental change in the culture and style of leadership at the heart of the Council. Such change is essential if the Council is to have a stable and sustainable future, provide the leadership the City needs, address the challenges it faces, and deliver the efficient and effective services local people rightly expect.

You explained you would be making a further report to me in early autumn. I will want to consider that report very carefully before deciding how best to proceed and whether any further measures may be needed to secure the long term improvement in Birmingham we are all seeking.

Finally let me again thank you and your colleagues for all the work you have done and continue to do, and for your ongoing commitment to the City and its people. As you yourselves must recognise your role is central to securing the City's future and I am very grateful to you for undertaking this work.

Yours sincerely

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