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Dear Cllr Ward,

I am grateful for the work you and your team have undertaken on Birmingham City Council's plan to deliver compliance with legal air quality limits in the shortest possible time.

Following my letter of 6 December 2018, I am pleased to write with approval of your local plan which will see you delivering compliance in 2021 through the introduction of a Class D charging Clean Air Zone and a package of additional measures.

Please find attached to this letter a Ministerial direction requiring Birmingham City Council to deliver the Clean Air Zone and additional measures according to the timelines and details set out in your business case.

In implementing the zone, in line with the approach set out in the plan, I do expect you to monitor its effectiveness to ensure that it is meeting requirements to achieve compliance in the shortest possible time and, if necessary, consider adjustments to its operation.

There are also some technical aspects of implementation, including the relationship to the central charging infrastructure that Government is putting in place that you acknowledge as interdependencies in your business case. My officials will continue to work with you to ensure that we support your requirements to deliver to your timeline.

Your business case set out the implementation funding requirements for putting in place the Clean Air Zone and additional measures. I am pleased to confirm that I agree with your proposals and we will be making a funding allocation of £14,214,722. However, noting this includes £2,085,667 of risk funding that should be determined if required in discussions with JAQU and the suppliers. We require your officials to keep us updated on your progress and spend at least quarterly and if this funding is not required we will request it to be used for delivering air quality improvements and/or supporting individuals and businesses.

Your business case also included a bid for support from the Clean Air Fund. I am pleased to confirm that £37,957,529 of support from this fund will be made available to support the following schemes (sums rounded to two decimals):

- £10.84m to provide mobility support for individuals working within the CAZ with a condition that a minimum of 50% of this funding is delivered through the scrap-to-mobility credit part of the measure;
- £5m for a hackney carriage support package;
- £2.75m for a council-run hackney carriage leasing scheme;
- £7m for a private hire vehicle upgrade package;
- £10.05m for a HGV and coach compliance fund;
- £0.35m for a supporting engagement and awareness activity; and
- £1.97m to support the administration of the above schemes and mitigations.

My officials will shortly be issuing grant letters for both the Implementation and Clean Air Fund. We will also provide guidance on the associated reporting, monitoring and ways of working going forward. I would also particularly like to express my thanks to Philip Edwards and his team for the development of your plan.

Yours sincerely,



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