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*Dear John.*

**Re: Birmingham City Council's Improvement Progress**

Thank you for your letter of 4 August, and for all the work you and your colleagues on the Panel have done in Birmingham over recent months.

Clearly, there have been some significant developments in Birmingham since your letter which could have major implications for the governance of the Council, and its financial position. I would therefore be grateful for an urgent update from the Panel on recent events, before I consider what next steps may be appropriate for our work with the City Council.

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