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Mr Simon Hoare MP
Minister for Local Government
Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities
2 Marsham Street
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Dear Minister

Re: Exceptional Financial Support for Birmingham City Council

I write in response to your letter of the 27 February 2024 concerning Exceptional Financial Support for Birmingham City Council.

I am grateful that you have agreed to the request as laid out in my letter on 23 January 2024. I confirm that we wish to proceed in accordance with the position set out in these two letters.

In accepting this request, I confirm that we have understood and accept the conditions laid out in your letter and recognise that there is still significant work to be done given the extent of the financial issues that the City Council faces. We continue to commit to taking all possible steps locally to manage our budget pressures and restore the City Council to long-term financial sustainability.

I would like to thank you and your officials for their time and support during this process, and for the ongoing support and challenge provided by Commissioners.

Yours sincerely

Councillor John Cotton
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